# Restoring the Foundation of New Testament Faith in Jesus Christ

*Exposing the Christianity Cult*

***For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)***

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# Introduction

This book is a compilation of articles I have written on “Christians” and “Christianity” and published on the *Health Impact News* network.

I felt the need to put these all together, as all too often people read just one article that makes up the current totality of my writing on this topic, prompting them to comment or criticize something that is covered in other articles that would answer their questions, or potentially prevent the criticism once they know the full teaching on this subject that includes the other articles I have previously written.

Therefore, there will be some redundancy in some chapters, but that’s fine because the more we read something that is true, the more we remember it.

> *So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have*. (2 Peter 1:12)

One of the most common things my critics level against me is: *You claim to be a Christian, but* [*fill in the blank with one of my “heresies”*].

That’s the first clue to me that this person is not familiar with my writings, because I have made it clear for over 2 decades now that I do NOT claim to be a Christian. I was one once, but after studying the Bible for over 40 years now, this is not the label I choose to wear, because the New Testament believers never **referred to themselves** as “Christians,” which I believe this book will clearly show.

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My purpose in writing and distributing this is to restore the foundation of New Testament Faith in Jesus Christ.

> *By the grace God has given me, I laid a **foundation** as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any **foundation** other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ*. (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)
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> *For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.*
>
> *In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit*. (Ephesians 2:18-22)

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# There is Only “One Faith”

*Who will “Fight the Good Fight” for “The Faith” in these Evil Last Days?*

*Fight the good fight of the faith. (1 Timothy 6:12)*

The pop culture in the United States today likes to copy phrases from the Bible and use them in contexts that often mean the exact opposite of the context in which they were written.

One of the most popular ones, by far, is the phrase “*The truth will set you free*.”

But since this phrase is from the Bible, it is important to examine it and understand what “truth” and “free” means, because otherwise you can use this phrase to promote whatever ideology you want by simply using one’s own interpretation of “truth” and “free.”

When you read this phrase in the Bible, however, you will see that it was written in a very specific, and limited, context.

> *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* (John 8:31-32)

So to truly understand what this phrase meant when it was recorded in the New Testament source documents that make up the New Testament section of the Bible, we need to understand who spoke it, Jesus Christ, and who he was speaking to, the Jews who believed in him.

It is also part of what is called a "conditional statement", marked by the English word "if", which applies a condition that has to be met before this statement can be true.

And that conditional statement is "*If you hold to my teaching*."

So to everyone who does NOT hold to the teachings of Jesus, the statement "*the truth will set you free*" **does not apply**.

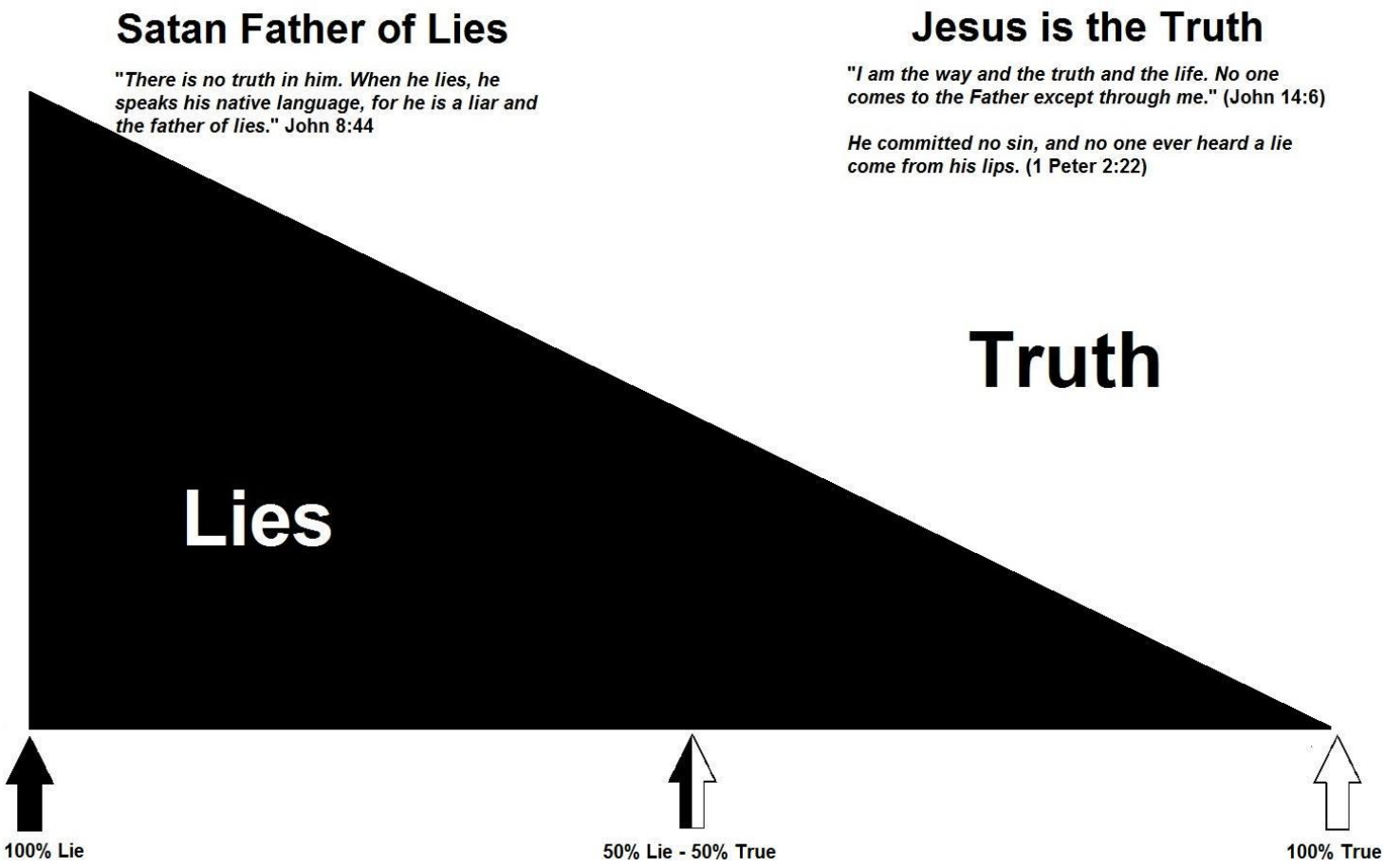
And since this statement was spoken to a very specific audience, the "*Jews who believed in Jesus*", it does not apply to Jews who do not.

For the Jews who did not believe in Jesus, this is what Jesus told them:

> *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*
>
> *Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me?*
>
> *He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."* (John 8:44-47)

In this discourse, which you can read in full in John Chapter 8, Jesus clearly taught that he is the source of truth and only speaks truth, and that the Devil (Satan) is the source of lies, and only speaks lies.

When we evaluate what is "true" today, in most cases (but not all) the information we evaluate falls somewhere in between 100% truth, and 100% lies. I have created an image to illustrate this:


Satan Father of Lies
"There is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44
Jesus is the Truth
"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)
He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. (1 Peter 2:22)
Truth
Lies
100% Lie
50% Lie - 50% True
100% True

In many of these cases where statements and phrases that are written in the Bible are being used out of context where they would no longer be true, it is very easy to determine if they are true in context by simply finding those statements in the Bible, and then reading the context in which they were written.

When one starts reading and studying the Bible, the oldest collection of writings in antiquity that has ever been collected and published in one book, which is worth reading by EVERYONE, whether you believe what it teaches or not, one will soon discover that much of what is taught in 21st Century America about “Christianity” is mostly false, and not true.

And that is because in the English language, just about everything written about what the Bible teaches, specifically the New Testament portion of the Bible, has been written since the “Reformation” period of history in Europe starting in the 17th and 18th centuries.

To read literature about what the Bible teaches before that time, one would need to learn to read and understand Latin.

And almost everything written about the Bible in English since the Reformation period has started with the presupposition and belief that the New Testament portion of the Bible teaches one how to be a “good Christian.”

Their biases started with the belief that all of the believers in the New Testament became Christians. The scholars and religious leaders during the Reformation period in Europe inherited this bias from

the Catholic Church, which teaches that Peter was a Christian and the first Pope, and that there is "Apostolic" succession.

But this is not taught in the Bible. It is a doctrine/belief of the Catholic Church.

So what does the Bible teach about Christianity?

**"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons." (1 Timothy 4:1)**

The Bible doesn't teach anything at all about Christianity.

The Christian Religion was defined and adopted in the 4th Century by the Roman State, under the Emperor Constantine. The Romans were mostly a polytheistic culture believing in most of the named Greek "gods", until they made Christianity the official State Religion, and converted all of their Greek, "pagan" gods and holidays, into "Christian" ones.

What the New Testament writers referred to, instead of the misconception and false belief that they were referring to a new religion called "Christianity," is what they referred to as "**The Faith**."

"Faith" is a noun, and the verb form is "*to believe*". Those who have "faith" are sometimes referred to as "believers," and sometimes the adjective form is used to describe them as "faithful."

Of course, one cannot understand what is "**The Faith**" unless one understands what it is that is the object of "faith."

Christians today, and most of the writers during the Reformation period, just assumed that this faith was the Christian religion.

But instead of me telling you what this "faith" is, I am just going to first quote the passages in the New Testament that use this term "the faith", and let you decide what you think it means, if, in fact, it is NOT referring to the Christian religion.

Try to read all of these verses (it will only take a few minutes), and if you have the time, look them up and read the entire context in which they were written.

> *By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and **the faith** that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see*. (Acts 3:16)
>
> *So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to **the faith***. (Acts 6:7)
>
> *They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to*

*hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from* ***the faith***. (Acts 13:6-8)

*They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra,* ***Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain*** *true to the faith.*

*"We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said*. (Acts 14:21-22)

*And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.*

*And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of* ***the faith*** *that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.*

*It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.*

*For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.*

*Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of* ***the faith*** *of Abraham. He is the father of us all*. (Romans 4:11-16)

*Be on your guard; stand firm in* ***the faith****; be men of courage; be strong*. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

*Examine yourselves to see whether you are in* ***the faith****; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?* (2 Corinthians 13:5)

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be shepherds and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until* ***we all reach unity in the faith*** *and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming*. (Ephesians 4:11-14)

*Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for* ***the faith*** *of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.*

*This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God*. (Philippians 1:27-28)

*They must keep hold of the **deep truths of the faith** with a clear conscience*. (1 Timothy 3:9)

*The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon **the faith** and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons*. (1 Timothy 4:1)

*If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in **the truths of the faith** and of the good teaching that you have followed*. (1 Timothy 4:6)

*If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied **the faith** and is worse than an unbeliever*. (1 Timothy 5:8)

*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from **the faith** and pierced themselves with many griefs*. (1 Timothy 6:10)

***Fight the good fight of the faith**. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses*. (1 Timothy 6:12)

*Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from **the faith**. Grace be with you*. (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

*Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth—men of depraved minds, who, as far as **the faith** is concerned, are rejected*. (2 Timothy 3:8)

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, **I have kept the faith***. (2 Timothy 4:7)

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold firmly to the faith we profess***. (Hebrews 4:14)

*Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, **standing firm in the faith**, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings*. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

*Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to the saints*. (Jude 1:3)

As you can see, the New Testament writers referred to "**The Faith**" quite frequently, and I did not even quote all the verses that contain this phrase.

Almost all the teachers, commentators, etc. since the Reformation believe that "the Faith" here is the "Christian faith."

But the word "Christianity" is not found anywhere in these verses, nor anywhere in the Bible at all.

The word "Christian" only appears 3 times in the New Testament, all of them negative, and is never used by the believers themselves to refer to each other. (More on this in the following chapters.)

It was primarily a negative term used to refer to those believers who were of non-Jewish decent.

All of the original New Testament believers were Jews, and yet most English commentaries and teachings on the Bible continually refer to them as “Christians”.

Albert Barnes, for example, was a Biblical scholar who wrote a commentary on the Bible from 1847-1885.

On the verse I quoted above from Acts 6:7:

> *So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to* ***the faith****.*

It is very clear that these disciples were Jews, and a large number of them even Jewish priests.

Yet this is what he wrote on this verse in his commentary about “**the faith**“:

> *The word “faith” here is evidently put for the “Christian religion.”*

This is clearly showing his bias, as the actual text does not support his belief at all.

But even though this was the popular teaching of his day, and even more popular today, this interpretation was controversial among Biblical scholars according to Dr. Marvin R. Vincent, who wrote “*Word Studies in the New Testament*“:

> *Opinions differ greatly as to whether this is to be taken as meaning faith in Jesus Christ, or faith considered as Christian doctrine – the Gospel; the faith in the ecclesiastical sense*.

Of course the Christian Religion has always been a huge financial institution wielding great power, especially political power, from the days of the Roman Emperor Constantine, through today.

Anyone who earns their living from Christianity, including “pastors”, teachers, writers, publishers, etc., has to please their Christian customers who purchase their products, such as commentaries, because they earn their living from that revenue.

But for those of us who do not earn our living from Christianity, and are free to study the Bible without the pressure to please our Christian customers, we can examine the textual evidence for ourselves, and come to our own conclusions.

So my dear 21st Century English readers, what do you think? What is “**The faith**“?

Whatever it is, there is only one.

> *There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord,* ***one faith****, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all*. (Ephesians 4:4-6)

All religions today are false religions, and infected with demonic teachings. Look at that graph I created above with pure truth on one end, and pure lies on the other.

The most dangerous lie of all, is the one that is 99% true, but 1% a lie.

And while most religions don't come anywhere near to being 99% true today, all of them contain some truth, which is what makes them so dangerous.

> *There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death*. (Proverbs 14:12)

When you stand on the pure Truth today, who is a person and not a doctrine, you will be among a very tiny minority who belong to **The Faith**, and are following **The Way (Hodos)**, and you will be vigorously attacked by those in religion.

> *But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.*
>
> *People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—**having a form of godliness but denying its power**.*
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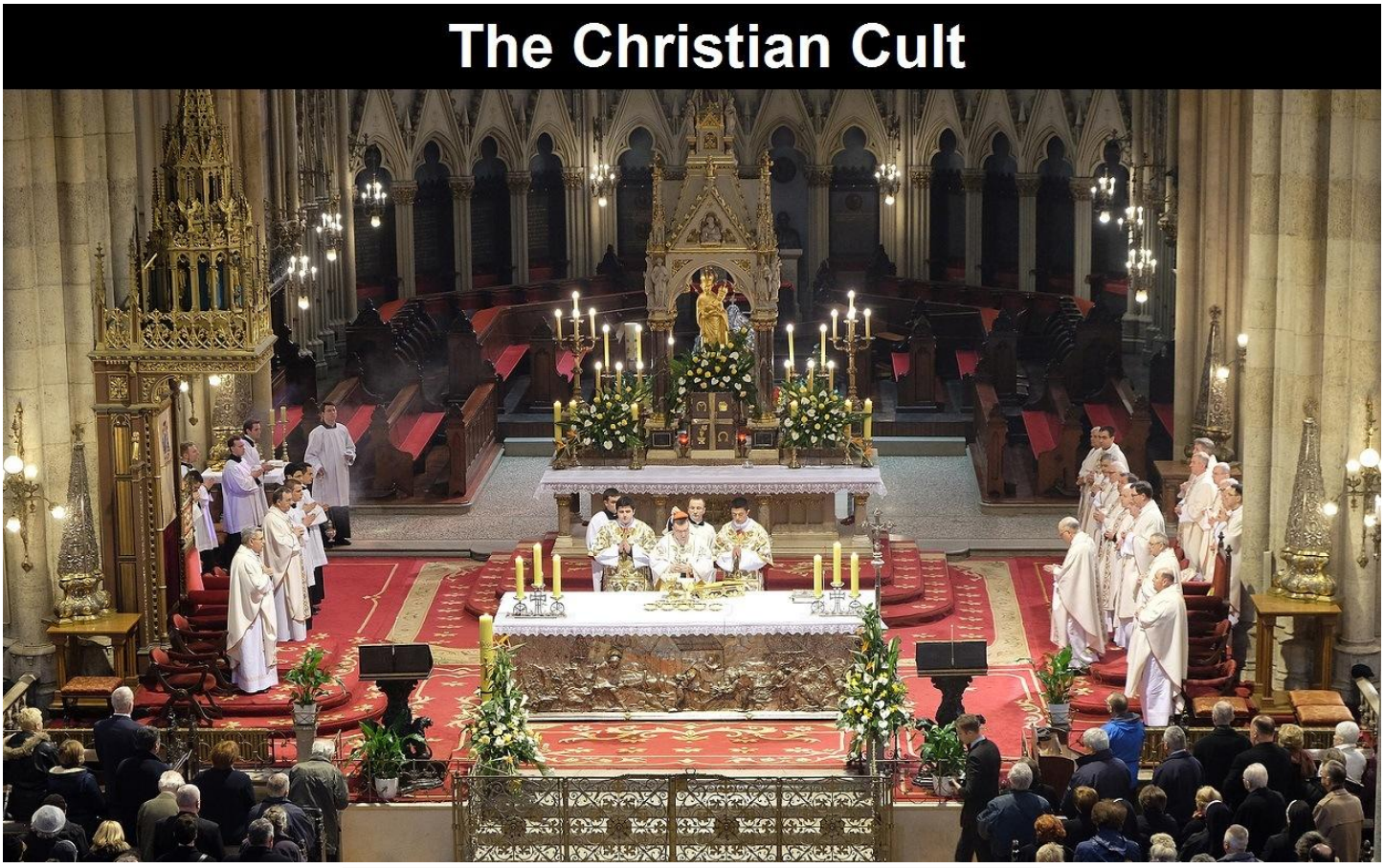
> ***Have nothing to do with them***. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

# Fact Check: “Christianity” and the Christian Religion is NOT Found in the Bible – The Person Jesus Christ Is




Cathedral of the Assumption of Virgin Mary in Zagreb, Croatia

Over 16 years ago I published an article on the English word “Christian,” explaining how I had stopped using that term to refer to myself, since it is a term with very many different meanings and understood in probably thousands of different ways.

I wrote how the term “Christian” is only found 3 times in all of the New Testament writings, and it is never used by the believers and followers of Jesus Christ to refer to themselves in the New Testament.

But as things unfold in the current Post-COVID culture, it is time to update that teaching and expand upon it, showing that the larger term of “Christianity” or the “Christian religion” is found nowhere in the

Bible, and is actually a religious cult that is part of the Satanic world system, and that can be used to enslave the masses.

So while 16 years ago I wrote:

> *Should believers of Jesus Christ today use the name "Christian" to describe themselves, even though the earliest disciples did not?*
>
> *There is probably no right or wrong answer to that question.*

I am not sure that is still true today, in the Post-COVID world, because the word "Christian" and "Christianity" is clearly associated today with being Pro-Pharma and Pro-Vaccine, and therefore Pro-Satan and his world system.

COVID has revealed (**not** caused) the very deep corruption in the American Christian Church and its idolatry in serving the ruler of this world, as opposed to serving the current ruling King who sits on the throne in the Kingdom of God.

## Who Were the Followers of Jesus Christ in the New Testament?

The original disciples (students) of Jesus Christ were all men from the nation of Israel, so they were referred to as "Jews" in respect to their nationality as citizens of Israel, and in respect to their religion, the Jewish faith.

As Jesus's teaching and influence spread, these Jewish believers were sometimes referred to as a "sect" of the Jewish religion, sometimes referred to as the "sect of the Nazarenes" (see Acts 24) because Jesus and many of his followers came from the town of Nazareth.

This was a designation used by those outside the "sect" who were not among the followers of Jesus.

When non-Jews (Gentiles) began to believe in and follow Jesus, they could no longer be called a "sect" of the Jewish religion, and this is the origin of the term "Christian" in Acts chapter 11 where it is first used.

Again, this was a designation given to the believers by those outside their groups, not from those within.

Paul was the apostle (ambassador or emissary) to the Gentile believers, but most of the groups meeting to learn more about Jesus during Paul's ministry were mixed groups of both Gentile and Jewish believers, and Paul referred them all as a single group belonging to "The Way."

The Greek word in the original texts is *hodos,* meaning a "road" or sometimes the "route" or "journey/trip" on that road leading to a destination.

It is used frequently in just its literal sense as a physical "road," such as this verse:

> *Now they were on the **road** going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him*. (Mark 10:32)

"The Way" is also used metaphorically. We see it used of John the Baptist, the forerunner to Jesus Christ who was also his cousin.

> *In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*
>
> *This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, "Prepare **the way** for the Lord, make straight paths for him.*'" (Matthew 3:1-3)

It was also used frequently by Jesus himself.

Jesus used it metaphorically to refer to two different "ways/roads" in life that people can follow. Here are two different English translations of the same verses, one using "the way" and the other using "the road":

> *Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.*
>
> *For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.* (Matthew 7:13-14 – ESV)
>
> *Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.*
>
> *But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it*. (Matthew 7:13-14 – NIV)

One might be tempted to think that the "narrow" way here is referring to "Christians."

But Jesus states "few" find and travel down this road, and Christianity today is the most populous religion in the world, and the majority of Americans refer to themselves as "Christians."

Is it possible that most "Christians" only believe they are on the straight and narrow "road," but are in fact on the highway to destruction?

Jesus actually answers this question for us a little later in this same chapter in Matthew:

> Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
>
> **Many** will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'
>
> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' (Matthew 7:21-23 emphasis added.)

The context here is where Jesus is warning about “false prophets” who appear to be “good” because “*They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves*.” (Matthew 7:15)

This group of people, who claim to be Jesus’s followers, are actually the “majority.”

In John chapter 14 during the *upper room discourse* on the night before his execution, Jesus makes it very clear that he IS *The Way* to God and to the Kingdom of God in Heaven.

> *Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”*
>
> *Jesus answered, “**I am the way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* (John 14:5-6 emphasis added.)

This term then, **The Way**, became the term that was used of those who followed Jesus, as it came directly from his own teaching. It has nothing to do with their ethnicity, or religious beliefs, as it was used for both Jews and non-Jewish (Gentiles) believers in Jesus.

In the book of the *Acts of the Apostles*, the term is used frequently to distinguish the true believers in Jesus.

> *Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples.*
>
> *He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to **the Way**, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem*. (Acts 9:1-2)
>
> *Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures.*
>
> *He had been instructed in **the way** of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue.*
>
> *When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately*. (Acts 18:24-26)
>
> *Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.*
>
> *But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned **the Way**.*
>
> ***So Paul left them**. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.*
>
> *This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.* (Acts 19:8-10 Note: I emphasized the fact that Paul left the meeting of “believers” in the “synagogue,” a word that is also translated in the English as “assembly” in James 2:2, because they did not belong to “The Way.”)

*About that time there arose a great disturbance about **the Way***. (Acts 19:23)

*However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of **the Way**, which they call a sect.*

*I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. (Acts 24:14-15)*

*Then Felix, who was well acquainted with **the Way**, adjourned the proceedings. "When Lysias the commander comes," he said, "I will decide your case."* (Acts 24:22)

So this common term used in the First Century to refer collectively to the believers in Jesus Christ, was clearly not a new "religion" called "Christianity," but was used to designate the true believers from the false believers.

Individually, the believers were referred to among themselves by such terms as "disciples," "brethren," or just "believers."

Only those who did not belong to The Way used the term "Christian," which is only found in 3 places in the New Testament: Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, and 1 Peter 4:16.

## When did the Christian Religion Begin?

The answer to the question "*When did the Christian Religion Begin*" will depend upon how one defines "religion." Most Christians will answer this question by stating the Christian Religion began with Jesus Christ in the First Century.

But there is no new religious **institution** that began in the First Century, according to the Scriptures.

If we define "religion" as an **institution** with clearly defined doctrines of belief, then the Christian Religion began in the Fourth Century under the Roman Emperor Constantine.

This time period would also be the same time that the Catholic Church and the office of "the Pope" began.

Constantine was a Roman emperor from 306 to 337, and became the sole emperor of the Roman Empire in 324 after defeating his rivals.

He allegedly was "baptized" as a "Christian" around the year 312, and then issued the Edict of Milan in 313 giving protection to "Christians."

In 325 the *First Council of Nicaea* met to deal with doctrinal issues, which produced the *Nicene Creed*, which defined the "doctrine" of "Christianity," which was then declared to be the official religion of Rome in the year 380.

So for the definition of "religion" that I am using here in this article, which is an "institution" with a set of "doctrines" defining who is part of that religion and who is not, based on some "government

authority" who decrees it so, then this is where I would place the beginning of "Christianity" as an officially sanctioned "religion."

I fully understand that others have different definitions of "religion" and will therefore disagree as to when the Christian religion began.

## The Corporate "Christian Church" and the Corrupt English Bible

From the time "Christianity" was declared to be the "religion" of the Roman Empire in the Fourth Century, the history of the Christian Religion for the next several hundred years can be said to be synonymous with the history of the "Catholic Church."

Of course I have just used two English words, "Catholic" and "Church," that people today speaking modern English probably never give any thought to, so widespread is the accepted meaning of these two English words.

Of course, English was not spoken or used in the Fourth Century. The Roman Empire was transitioning from the Greek language to the Roman language, which was "Latin," during the First Century when the New Testament was written in Koine Greek (the common Greek language of the people.)

The word for "catholic," which is *not* found in the New Testament writings of the Bible, comes originally from the Greek word *katholikos,* which means "according to the whole." It developed into the Latin as *catholicus.*

Today it is used as an adjective describing "church," or as a noun referring to people who belong to the "Catholic Church" (Catholics.)

The English word "church," is found in very many verses in today's English Bibles, but you might be surprised to learn that it actually does not exist in the original language, Koine Greek, of the New Testament portion of the Bible.

The history of the English word "church" starts with the Greek word *kurios* and its cognates, which means "Lord" or "Sir" or in the feminine case "Madam" or "Lady."

The Greek word *kurios* is found throughout the New Testament writings, as well as the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the Septuagint, but it is never translated "church," but in most cases "Lord."

It is most often used for Jesus, and in the Septuagint is often used to refer to God.

But the English word "church" does not come from "*kurios"* in the Bible. It apparently comes by way of the Germanic languages, Old English *cirice, circe*, from Proto-Germanic *kirika (source also of Old Saxon kirika, Old Norse kirkja, Old Frisian zerke, Middle Dutch kerke, Dutch kerk, Old High German kirihha, German Kirche). (Source.)

So when we read the English word "church" in the English translations of the Bible, which word in the original Greek is it being used as a translation?

The word in the original Greek is *ekklesia*, which has the meaning of an "assembly," specifically a "called out" assembly, such as is used in legal terms to meet to conduct legal business.

It is the word used in Acts 19:32, 39, 41 where it is translated "assembly" because there is no "church" here. It was an assembly, an unruly mob actually, gathered together to try and kill Paul.

Wycliff is credited with first using the English word "church" as a translation not of the Greek text, but from the Latin Vulgate used in the Catholic Church at that time.

Another translator who did translate into English from the Greek and Hebrew texts, was William Tyndale in the early 1500s.

He rejected the word "church" for *ekklesia* and used "congregation" instead because:

> *Of grievous concern to Tyndale was the misuse of ill-gotten wealth by clergy, monks, and prelates (whom Tyndale often called the 'spirituality,' as here):*
>
> *"What good conscience can there be among our spirituality to gather so great treasure together, and with hypocrisy of their false learning to rob almost every man of house and lands … seeking in Christ nothing but lucre?"*
>
> *Tyndale said the monks and clergy crept into people's consciences, robbed them of the faith of Christ, and caused them to give their money to build new churches and cloisters through a false faith in such works, by which all suffered:*
>
> *"… the building of [churches and steeples] and such like, through the false faith that we have in them, is the decay of all the havens in England, and of all the cities, towns, highways, and shortly, of the whole commonwealth.*
>
> *For since these false monsters crept up into our consciences, and robbed us of the knowledge of our Saviour Christ, making us believe in such pope-holy works, and to think that there was none other way unto heaven, we have not ceased to build them abbeys, cloisters, colleges, chauntries, and cathedral churches with high steeples, striving and envying one another, who should do most."*
>
> *Therefore, by using 'congregation' in his New Testament, Tyndale was both being faithful to the Greek and avoiding a usage that would contribute to the continuing exploitation or deception of the people.*
>
> *Indeed this, Tyndale's translation, together with his books and writings, have led some to credit him with "breaking the spell attached to the word church," and "breaking the suffocating power of the medieval church."* (Source.)

However, just to make a point, Tyndale did use the English word "church" in one place: Acts 19 and the secular mob assembly, which I quoted above. He used it in verse 37:

> You have brought these men here, though they have neither **robbed temples** nor blasphemed our goddess. (Acts 19:37)

The Greek word for “robbed temples” is *hierosulos*, and Tyndale translated it as “robbed churches.”

The King of England presiding over the Church of England and the Pope presiding over the Catholic Church were not amused.

Tyndale was considered a heretic and eventually was burned at the stake.

So James Charles Stuart, the King of England (King “James”), decreed in 1611 that the only “authorized” English translation of the Bible must use the word “church” to translate *ekklesia*, because it reinforced his authority over the “Church of England,” as well as the Pope’s authority over the “Catholic Church.”

This error in the English translation of the Bible continues on to this day in most modern translations of the English Bible, because the largest segment of our society purchasing bibles today are those employed by the American Corporate Christian Church, and their clergy, which is a $TRILLION dollar industry.

A study conducted in 2016 estimated that religion in America (which is primarily the Christian religion) was “worth $1.2 trillion, more than the combined revenue of the top 10 technology companies in the country, including Apple, Amazon, and Google.” (Source.)

*Ekklesia* in the New Testament is simply the *congregation* or *assembly* of those who belong to The Way.

So whenever you see the incorrect word “church” used in the Bible, you can use the word “congregation” or “assembly” instead.

A few English translations (those not copyrighted by the large Christian publishing houses), such as the World English Bible, and Young’s Literal Translation, will dare to translate *ekklesia* without using the word “church.”

## The False Church Leaders versus The Head of The Body of Christ

Not only is the concept of a “Christian” religion and the institute of the “Church” not found among the followers of The Way in the New Testament congregations, neither is there any centralized authority figure as we find today among the “clergy,” the professional Christians referred to as “*pastors*,” “*priests*,” and other honorary titles.

All the leaders in the early meetings of those belonging to the way, including the “apostles” who spent the most time with Jesus while he walked on the earth, were referred to by their first names, with no official title before them.

Jesus said:

> *But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.*
>
> *Nor are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have one Teacher, the Christ.*
>
> *The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.* (Matthew 23:8-12)

“Rabbi” was the common title put before a religious leader’s name during the days of Jesus, but today you can substitute “Rabbi” (a Jewish term) for the Christian ones, such as “Pastor.”

The English word “Pastor” is typically only used in one verse in the New Testament, in Ephesians 4:11 (we can thank King Jimmy and his “authorized version” for that word too), and it is mistranslated, because every other place where the Greek word in that verse is used, *poimēn*, it is translated as “Shepherd.”

Jesus used it to refer to himself:

> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep.
>
> So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
>
> I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep.
>
> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and **there shall be one flock and one shepherd**. (John 10:11-16 – emphasis added)

There is a whole chapter on this subject later in this book.

We have also documented over the years that there are just as many pedophiles and predators among these Christian leaders as there are among the general population.

Southern Baptist Church: Leader in Foster Care and Adoption – Home to Pedophiles

Pedophilia Crimes Against Children Inside and Outside the Church – Time to Acknowledge the Child Sex Trafficking Problem

The Catholic Church and Pedophilia: Trafficking Children as Sex Slaves

In contrast, the New Testament portion of the Bible teaches that all believers who are part of The Way are members of a “body” where Jesus Christ is the “Head.”

> *He is the head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence*. (Colossians 1:18)
>
> *He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow*. (Colossians 2:19)
>
> *Christ is the head of the assembly, his body, of which he is the Savior*. (Ephesians 5:23)
>
> *For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ*.
> (1 Corinthians 12:12)

The human leaders within the Body of Christ who belong to The Way, are referred to as “elders” (older men who showed maturity and wisdom) and “deacons” (literally “servants” who were trustworthy, especially with handling finances), but they never ruled in an official “office” or carried a “title” before their name.

They are to lead by example, as servants.

Jesus said:

> *But Jesus summoned them, and said, "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.*
>
> *It shall not be so among you, but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. Whoever desires to be first among you shall be your bondservant, even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Matthew 20:25-28)

And then, on his last night together with his disciples, just before his execution, he demonstrated this kind of leadership by example.

> Now before the *feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his time had come that he would depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*
>
> *During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came from God, and was going to God, arose from supper, and laid aside his outer garments.*
>
> *He took a towel, and wrapped a towel around his waist. Then he poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*
>
> *Then he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"*
>
> *Jesus answered him, "You don't know what I am doing now, but you will understand later."*
>
> *Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet!"*
>
> *Jesus answered him, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me."*
>
> *Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"*
>
> *Jesus said to him, "Someone who has bathed only needs to have his feet washed, but is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you."*
>
> *For he knew him who would betray him, therefore he said, "You are not all clean."*
>
> *So when he had washed their feet, put his outer garment back on, and sat down again, he said to them:*
>
> *"Do you know what I have done to you? You call me, 'Teacher' and 'Lord.'*
>
> *You say so correctly, for so I am.*

*If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.*

*For I have given you an example*, *that you also should do as I have done to you."* (John 13:1-15)

## Is It Time to Leave the Christian Cult?

As I wrote in the introduction of this chapter, the word "Christian" and "Christianity" is clearly associated today with being Pro-Pharma and Pro-Vaccine, and therefore Pro-Satan and his world system.

I know there are still good people who belong to the Christian religion and churches, just as there are still some honest and good people probably still working in the Satanic medical system.

But just as the medical system is thoroughly corrupt, so too is the Christian religion and their "churches" thoroughly corrupt as a "religious system."

And so many people, especially those who earn their living from being leaders in the corporate Christian church, are so dependent on corporate Christianity, that it is very difficult to break away, even if they do see the corruption and acknowledge some of the things I have written here today as true.

If you are comfortable with your associations within your Christian organization, then **this book is not for you**. You need to continue seeking God's specific direction and plan for your life from Jesus Christ himself, and not something that Brian Shilhavy writes.

But this article is for those of you who are standing firm against the medical tyranny around you, and you see it in your church as well, but you feel guilty about leaving the church, because you have been taught your whole life that to be a good "Christian," you need to join and be part of a local church.

I hope that what I have written here today will show that you are NOT bound to that false teaching, and that not only are you free to leave the Christian Cult called "The Church," but God may very well be calling you to shake the dust off of your shoes as you leave, as a testimony against the idolaters, and the judgment that soon awaits them.

Everything that has been prophesied for the end of the ages seems to now be coming true, especially Revelation 18:23:

*The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray*. (Revelation 18:23)

The English words "magic spell" used here represent *pharmakeia* in the original Greek, which should be translated *medicine/drugs/vaccines.*

And the "merchants" are clearly the Globalists and Big Pharma who are committing mass murder and genocide in order to reduce the world's population.

If we want to escape the judgment that is soon coming, there is only **One Way** forward.

> I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
>
> Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
>
> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. – Jesus Christ

# The Demonic Roots of Christianity: The Christians Jesus Said He Hated

**Images representing the Christian Cult and "Christmas".**

I have frequently documented over the years that there is no new religion called "Christianity" that is found anywhere in the New Testament portion of the Bible, and that Christianity was codified into an official religion in the 4th Century under the Roman Emperor Constantine.

The original apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ were all Jews, and they distinguished themselves from other Jews by claiming to be members of The Way, which was a term taken from the words of Jesus Christ himself, that he spoke to them shortly before he was executed by the Satanic Jews:

> *Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*
>
> *Jesus answered, "I am The Way and The Truth and The Life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him*." (John 14:5-7)

Jesus himself distinguished between the Jews who believed in him and who were called his "disciples", and the Jews who rejected him as the Messiah, whom he said followed Satan as their father.

*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

*They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"*

*"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.*

*You are doing the things your own father does.*

*You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him.*

*When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies*." (John 8)

However, "Christians" are referred to 3 times in the New Testament.

Who were these people called "Christians," and were they viewed favorably by the true believers in Jesus Christ who were members of The Way?

There actually is one group of Christians referred to in the New Testament, and these Christians and their teachings were undoubtedly the beginnings of what would become the Christian Religion under Constantine as the official religion of Rome a couple of hundred years later.

Jesus himself identifies this group in the book of Revelation, and he said that he "hated" the actions of these Christians.

The last book of the Bible is Revelation, and it was written by John, an apostle of Jesus Christ.

The first three chapters of Revelation were addressed to 7 specific congregations meeting in what was then Asia Minor (present day Turkey).

In Jesus's messages to these 7 congregations of The Way, in two of them he mentioned a group of Christians called "Nicolaitans", whose actions he said he hated.

He commended the believers in Ephesus for also hating their practices, but condemned the believers in Pergamum for holding to their teachings.

To the believers in Ephesus:

> *But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the **Nicolaitans**, which I also hate*. (Revelation 2:6)

To the believers in Pergamum:

> *Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the **Nicolaitans***. (Revelation 2:14-15)

Some of the early Christian writers including Irenaeus, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, Hippolytus, Epiphanius, and Theodoret, attribute this Christian group called "Nicolaitans" as followers of Nicolas, who we meet in Acts chapter 6, when he is mentioned as one of the 7 men chosen to be "deacons" (literally, "servants") to help the apostles stay focused on teaching.

> *In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.*
>
> *So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said,*
>
> > *"It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."*
>
> *This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and **Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism***. (Acts 6:1-5)

As we can read here, Nicolas was from Antioch, and unlike the others, Nicolas did NOT grow up as a Jew, but was converted to Judaism, from the pagan, polytheistic religion of the Romans.

We read later in Acts that it was in Antioch that believers in Jesus Christ who were not from Jewish backgrounds were first called "Christians."

*Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews.*

*Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.*

*The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.*

*The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch*. (Acts 11)

So up until this point, none of the disciples of Jesus had been called "Christians", because they were Jews, and of the sect of Judaism that belonged to "The Way."

Jews were brought in to Antioch to teach these new Greek believers, with the main one being Paul.

Paul was the most scholarly Jew of all the apostles, as he was trained as a Pharisee in the Jewish religion. His expertise was explaining from the Old Testament Scriptures that Jesus was the promised Jewish Messiah, and that the Gospel (Good News) about salvation through Jesus Christ now applied to ALL people, including non-Jews.

Nicolas, apparently, did not follow the teachings of Paul, and began his own group that became known as the Nicolaitans. These were among the first Christian groups, and their practices and actions are what Jesus stated to John in Revelations that he hated.

We get a good idea as to why Jesus hated their actions in his words to the believers in Pergamum, where he compares the practices of the Nicolaitans to the ways of Balaam in the Old Testament, who taught the Israelites "*to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality*."

You can read the story of Balaam in the Old Testament book of Numbers, starting in chapter 22.

He was a non-Hebrew, but he did function as a true "prophet" or "seer" as God spoke to him, and he told the people what God was saying.

He was hired by a King who was Israel's enemy who wanted Balaam to curse the people of Israel, but Balaam could not do it, because God was not cursing them.

But Balaam did entice the believers to "*sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality*."

The English word used in the translation here does not do justice to the severity of these sins. The Greek word used for "sexual immorality" is πορνεύω – porneuō, and  is most often translated in the Bible as "adultery", but it goes far beyond just adultery and includes far worse sexual sins, including pedophilia.

The "*food sacrificed to idols*" reference is not just merely referring to food one might buy in a marketplace somewhere that was sacrificed to an idol, but was part of the pagan, Satanic practices of temple worship, which included orgy-like feasts where the food was sacrificed to demons, temple prostitutes, and even child sacrifice to idols/demons such as Molech.

Is it any wonder then why Jesus stated that he hated the actions of these Christians, and commended the believers in Ephesus for not participating in them, while criticizing the believers in Pergamum who tolerated them?

**This was the beginning of the Christian religion**, which was a mixture of Greek and Roman paganism occultist teaching mixed in with Judaism and a sprinkling of teaching about Jesus Christ as well.

## St. Nicholas, Christian, Christmas, Krampus, and Satanic Paganism

Krampus was incorporated into the Christmas festival around the 17th century. Image source.

Another St. Nicholas appears in the history of Christianity over one hundred years later, not far from Antioch in the city of Myra (present day Turkey).

Not much is known about this historical person, as his legend was incorporated into mythology in several cultures over the centuries, and in some cultures became known as “Santa Claus,” a mythological figure still celebrated today in the United States and other Western cultures.

It is certainly plausible that this “Saint Nicholas” took after his namesake from *Nicolas of Antioc*h and perhaps the founder of Christianity.

Fiona Keating, writing for the *International Business Times*, has documented the dark side of the Santa Claus myth that arose in the 17th Century.

***St Nicholas' Day: Dark secrets behind the myth of Santa Claus***

St Nicholas' Day is celebrated on 6 December across the world in honour of the benign bringer of gifts. But the story behind the saint, who is the model for Santa Claus, has a much darker history peppered with tales of murder, mutilation, cannibalism and infanticide.

In Europe, especially in Germany and Poland, boys dress up as bishops to beg alms for the poor, while in Ukraine, children expect St Nicholas to place a present under their pillows if they have been good throughout the year.

Children who behave badly are punished by having a twig or piece of coal placed beneath their pillow. The tradition differs across countries, so in the Netherlands, Dutch children put out a clog filled with hay and a carrot for St Nicholas' horse.

However, there are dark tales and threats of menace that surround this popular figure. According to a traditional French children's song from the 17th century, three children are killed and chopped up by a butcher in his shop and stowed away in a large salting tub, with overtones of cannibalism.

St Nicholas revived them and returned them to their families, hence his reputation as a children's protector.

Devil worship and the cult of St Nicholas is more clearly defined in Germanic folklore. In Austria, Bavaria and Tyrol, the saint is accompanied by Krampus, a demonic-like figure. Krampus punishes children by carrying them off to his lair.

On 5 December, Krampus Night is when drunken young men dress up as hairy devils roaming the streets to terrify children, shaking rusty chains and bells.

Krampus' terrifying presence was banned for many years with the Catholic Church forbidding the pagan celebrations, and fascists in the Second World War found Krampus objectionable because they thought it was created by the Social Democrats. (Source.)

Apparently Krampus is still a Christmas tradition in Germany and other places around the world.

Here is a report from 2013.

***Germany Prepares For Terrifying Tradition Krampus***

Germany is preparing to celebrate Krampus, possibly the world's most frightening Christmas tradition.

Krampus is a beast-like creature that originates from German folk law. He punishes children during the Yule season – he is essentially Saint Nicholas' evil brother. The beast is said to capture naughty children during the night and carry them in his sack to his layer where he either drowns, eats or transports them to hell.

Krampus is celebrated in Germany and beyond, with events taking place in Austria, Bavaria, Hungary, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Croatia.

During the celebrations, men dress up as Krampus and roam the streets, frightening children. Krampus' appearance traditionally has long goats horns, straggled hair, cloven hooves and a forked tongue. Men now wear horned masks and carry chains and bells.

Christmas cards with Krampus on are also sent.

*Happy Krampus Christmas cards. (Source.)*

Since Santa Claus actors at Christmas time get access to young children who sit on their laps, is it any wonder that many of them have been arrested as pedophiles?

***Ronald Carroll McDonald***

**Ronald Carroll McDonald** (February 25, 1926 – August 7, 2011) was an American convicted child molester known for playing Santa Claus for over 25 years before confessing to his crimes.

McDonald had been a prominent figure in Lake Forest Park, Washington as a year-round Santa, who volunteered his time at least six days a week to working with children, including those in the Seattle area hospitals.

When it was revealed that McDonald had been molesting children, the news gained international attention. (Source.)

***Best Santa Ever" A Pedophile?***

A rare international alert seeking a man shown in dozens of raw child porn images quickly led to the arrest of a small-time actor, who painted faces at children's parties and performed as "the best Santa Claus anyone has ever seen."

Wayne Nelson Corliss told authorities he had sex with three boys in Thailand six years ago, an experience he described as "euphoria," a prosecutor said Thursday at Corliss' first court appearance.

The arrest of the bespectacled, gray-haired 58-year-old at his Union City apartment late Wednesday capped a two-day global manhunt, just the second time Interpol has sought the public's help in tracking down a suspected pedophile. He is believed to have sexually abusing at least three boys thought to have been 6 to 10 years old, according to the international police agency.

Corliss is charged with producing child pornography and could face 10 to 20 years in federal prison if convicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark. (Source.)

***"Santa Claus" Sentenced for Distributing Child Pornography***

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – A 38-year-old Corpus Christi man who worked as a Santa Claus impersonator for 15 years has been ordered to prison for distribution of child pornography, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson. Reynaldo Ramirez pleaded guilty in May 2016.

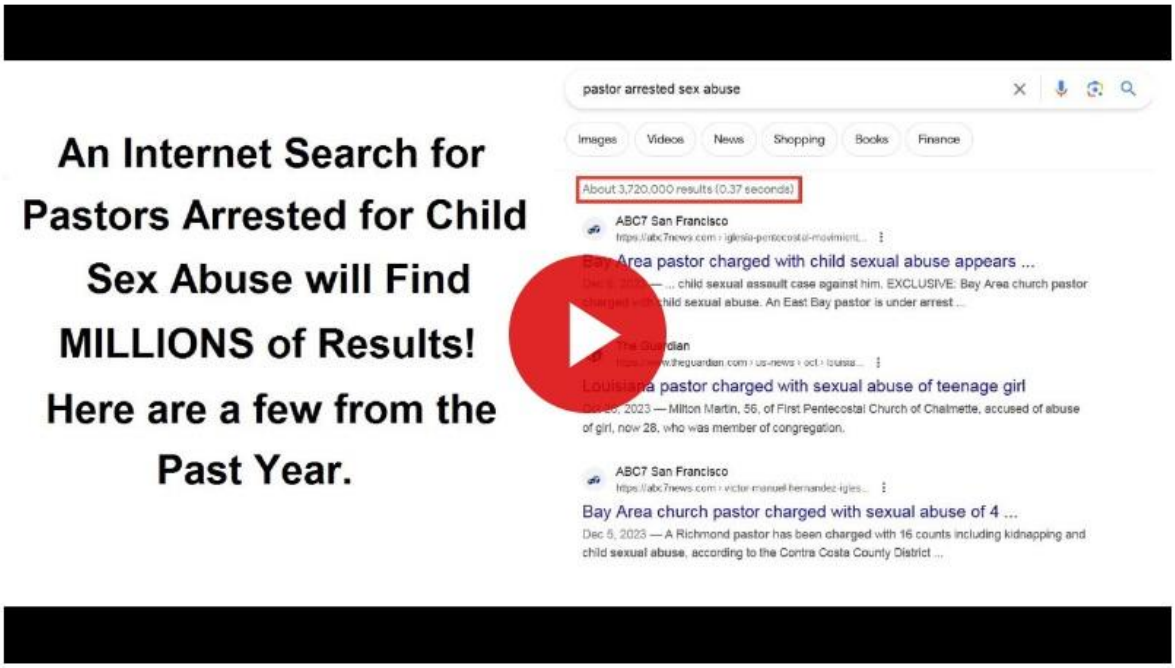
Today, U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos sentenced Ramirez to 235 months in federal prison to be immediately followed by 20 years of supervised release. He must also register as a sex offender. (Source.)

Disney participates in this cult, teaching children the ways of **Satan** Claus.

I'll stand with Jesus on this issue. I too hate the ways of the Nicolaitans.

The entire Christian religion has historically been a history of Satanic paganism, mixed in with a little bit of truth.

Your children are not safe around most of these Christians.


An Internet Search for Pastors Arrested for Child Sex Abuse will Find MILLIONS of Results! Here are a few from the Past Year.
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# It is Time to Evangelize the American Evangelical Christian Church and Preach the Gospel to Them

Many Christian Evangelical churches in the U.S. today have lost their way, and are not following the True Way, which is the narrow and lonely path that leads us to Jesus Christ and the Gospel message of salvation.

However, I believe that there are still many good people and faithful believers within these Evangelical churches, and have not yet matured enough in their faith to understand all the false ways yet that their church is leading them down.

I used to belong to and participate in Evangelical churches when I was younger, but when I began to learn the truth about pharmaceutical products and vaccines, as well as the influence of Zionism and then tried to educate others, I was no longer welcome in these institutions.

So I have been “unchurched” for a couple of decades now, and I am happy to admit that, with no remorse or shame.

Church members who do not agree with their leaders are seen as “troublemakers,” and if they are members who have a lot of friends in the church who all decide to leave the church together, they are usually accused of the sin of “splitting the church”.

Well I can confidently say today that what is needed today in order to see a major change in the American Christian churches for the better, is LOTS of “church splits”, and a mass exit from these Synagogues of Satan by the true believers in Jesus Christ who are sealed by the Holy Spirit and have the mark of God, rather than the mark of the beast.

That means that the church members who are walking in darkness need to hear the true Gospel, and reject the Satanic false teachings and false prophets of those who align with Big Pharma, Child Trafficking, and the modern State of Israel today.

And as we see in the New Testament part of the Bible, that is exactly what the New Testament believers did, by preaching the Gospel to the churches of their day first, starting in those places where believers were already gathering.

Some received the Gospel, while others rejected it and turned against those who were preaching that Jesus was the Messiah, and the fulfillment of the Old Covenant’s promises to Israel, as well as all the prophecies about the Messiah.

## “Church” and “Synagogue” Mean “Congregation” or “Assembly”

First, let’s clear up a misconception in modern day English and most of the English translations of the Bible. This misconception is that the English word for “synagogue” only refers to modern-day Jewish gatherings of Jews who do not believe that Jesus is the Messiah/Christ, while “church” only refers to modern-day “Christian” gatherings.

The distinction is not so clear in the original Greek texts of the Bible, however, and both Greek words, ἐκκλησία – ekklēsia for “church” and συναγωγή – sunagōgē for “synagogue”, should properly be translated as “assembly, congregation, or gathering.”

They have the same basic meaning, and can be used interchangeably. To see in your English Bible which Greek word is actually being used anytime you read “church” or “synagogue”, you can use an electronic Bible such as eSword.

For example, in Acts 7:38, the Greek word ekklēsia is used in this verse, but all modern English translations translate it as something like “assembly” or “congregation,” and not “church”. Here is the English Standard Version.

> *This is the one who was in the **congregation** in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us*. (Acts 7:38 – ESV)

The only place where I found it translated as “church” is in the older King James version:

> *This is he, that was in the **church** in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us* (Acts 7:38 – KJV)

In the modern King James version, it is changed to “congregation”.

> *This is he who was in the **congregation** in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him in Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received the living words to give to us*, (Acts 7:38 – MKJV)

When you read the context here which is Stephen's last words spoken just before he was executed by the Satanic Jews, it is obvious that the word is NOT dealing with "Christians", because it is referencing the time when Moses received the Law of God on Mt. Sinai which began the Old Covenant.

If you search for "ekklēsia" in the Greek translation of the Old Testament, you will find it used 91 times, and translated as either "assembly" or "congregation" in English, but NEVER "church."

The one exception where "assembly" or "congregation" is not used in the English translation of the Old Testament Greek texts, is the Book of Ecclesiastes. The title of this OT book is from "ekklēsia", and the seven times it is used in that book it is rendered in English Apostolic Bible Polycot, which uses the Greek Septuagint and not the Masoretic Hebrew text, as *ecclesiastic* , which is not the "congregation" but actually King Solomon who wrote the book. The more modern translations use "Teacher" or "Preacher".

We see something similar with how sunagōgē is translated in the newer English Bibles. Most of the time it is just translated "synagogue", but in James 2:2 most modern English translations use "congregation" or "assembly" instead:

> *For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your **assembly**, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in*, (James 2:2)

"Synagogue" was deemed not appropriate, because James was not referring to assemblies of Jews who did not accept Jesus as the Messiah, but to mixed congregations of believers who DID believe Jesus was the Messiah, both Jews and Greeks (non-Jews).

In Acts chapter 14 when Paul and Barnabas travel to the city of Iconium, the text states that they "*went as usual into the Jewish synagogue",* or some translations say the "*synagogue of the Jews".*

> *At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the **Jewish synagogue**. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed*. (Acts 14:1)

Since Luke obviously felt it was necessary to identify the synagogue as "Jewish," then there obviously must have been other types of "synagogues" *that were not Jewish*, and that this term was not just strictly used for assemblies of "Jews".

So both "ekklēsia" and "sunagōgē" are interchangeable, and the proper, non-political English translation should be "congregation, assembly, gathering."

Therefore, when we read the English translations of what Jesus Christ said to John in Revelation when addressing the 7 congregations in chapters 2 and 3:

> "*I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a **synagogue of Satan***." (Revelation 2:9)

And:

> *“Behold, I will make those of the **synagogue of Satan** who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you*.” (Revelation 3:9)

We can just as easily use the word “church” as well to be consistent with modern English Bible translations, when the more accurate translation is congregation, assembly, gathering, etc.

## “Christian” Was a Word Never Used by the New Testament Congregations of Themselves

The main word that is improperly used the most today in Christianity is the word “Christian.” Most people today think that all the believers in the New Testament records who gathered together in the congregations, were “Christians”, whether they were Jewish or Greek.

But this is not what we find in the New Testament at all!

Let’s start with the first non-Jews who became believers and received the Holy Spirit of God as recorded in the New Testament.

The man was a Roman soldier, a Centurion, who lived north of Israel in Caesarea.

It is an extremely important event in the New Testament, because it is the first recorded time that Jews went into the home of a non-Jew (Gentile), and ate with them and worshiped with them.

The story is found in Acts chapter 10:

> *At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, **a devout man who feared God** with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.*
> *About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.”*
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> *And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?”*
>
> *And he said to him,*
>
> > *“Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.”*
>
> *When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.*
>
> *The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.*

*And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.*

*In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him:*

> *"Rise, Peter; kill and eat."*

*But Peter said,*

> *"By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean."*

*And the voice came to him again a second time,*

> *"What God has made clean, do not call common."*

*This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.*

*Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there.*

*And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him,*

> *"Behold, three men are looking for you. Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them."*

*And Peter went down to the men and said,*

> *"I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?"*

*And they said,*

> *"Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say."*

*So he invited them in to be his guests.*

*The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. And on the following day they entered Caesarea.*

*Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.*

*When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.*

*But Peter lifted him up, saying,*

*"Stand up; I too am a man."*

*And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. And he said to them,*

*"You yourselves know how **unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation**, **but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean**.*

*So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."*

*And Cornelius said,*

*"Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.*

*Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.'*

*So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."*

*So Peter opened his mouth and said:*

*"Truly **I understand that God shows no partiality**, **but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him**.*

*As for the word that he sent to Israel, **preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ** (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

*He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.*

*They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

*And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

*While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And **the believers from among the circumcised** who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.*

*For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared,*

> *"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"*

*And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.* (Acts 10:1-48 – ESV)

There are a couple of things to notice in this very historical event. First is the fact that God had to put Peter through a specific vision to convince him to abandon his Satanic Jewish ways, and view Gentiles as people equal to himself and the Jews.

Secondly, once the Holy Spirit came into the hearts of the Gentiles, everybody in that house became "believers," mixed group of believers from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

Notice how Luke, who wrote the book of Acts, referred to the Jewish believers: "*the believers from among the circumcised*".

Cornelius was referred to as "devout" and one who feared God, and "*gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God*."

When the angel who appeared to him said: "*Your prayers and your alms have ascended as **a memorial before God***," it meant that God accepted or "remembered" them, even though they were not offered in the Temple in Jerusalem.

This means that Cornelius was not a Jewish convert, or a "proselyte", because he was not circumcised, and therefore was forbidden to enter the Temple grounds in Jerusalem.

The term "Christian" was never used of either group, but it came up in the next chapter of Acts, Acts 11.

## The First Occurrence of the Term "Christian"

When Peter got back to Israel after staying in the home of Gentiles, and actually eating with them and worshiping with them, he had a lot of explaining to do to the Jews back in Jerusalem.

Here is Acts chapter 11:

> *Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying,*
>
> > *"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."*
>
> *But Peter began and explained it to them in order….*

*…. If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"*

*When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying,*

*"**Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life**."*

(Acts chapter 11)

After Peter convinced his fellow circumcised Jewish brothers that Gentiles were, in fact, now part of the Gospel, Acts chapter 11 documents more mixed congregations of Jews and Gentiles meeting together.

*Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, **speaking the word to no one except Jews**. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to **Antioch** spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.*

*And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.*

*The report of this came to the ears of the "ekklēsia" (congregation) in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.*

*When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.*

*And a great many people were added to the Lord.*

*So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people.*

***And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians**.* (Acts 11:19-26)

So this is the first of 3 times where we find the word "Christian" in the New Testament documents.

And as you can read, it is used in the passive voice, "were called", where the subject of who called them this term is not stated. It was probably from those outside of the congregations, because they could not figure out what to call the Gentile uncircumcised believers, since the term "Jew" would be inappropriate for them.

## Who were the "Christians"?

In Acts chapter 13 we have the record of the first of the "missionary expeditions" starting from Antioch that spread into Asia Minor, which is present day Turkey.

Paul was selected as the leader of this first missionary trip to preach the Gospel throughout Asia minor, and he was also a leader of the congregation meeting in Antioch.

Since the term “Christian” was first used in Antioch, if it was an appropriate title to use in reference to Gentile believers, then surely Paul would start using it when traveling through the Roman Empire, right?

But no, Paul actually NEVER used this word, because he obviously saw no distinction between Jewish and Gentile believers, as he constantly states throughout his letters that “All are One in Christ”, regardless of whether they were circumcised believers (Jews) or not (Gentiles).

The second time the word “Christian” appears in the Bible is towards the end of the book of Acts, when the Jewish leaders had Paul arrested and he was imprisoned in Caesarea to protect from being executed by the Satanic Jews.

Paul was a legal Roman citizen, and tried to escape the persecution of the Satanic Jews by appealing his case to Caesar, the Roman Emperor’s court, and so he was waiting to be escorted to the city of Rome by Roman soldiers.

Just before he left, the Roman Governor over Palestine, Festus, received the Jewish King Agrippa as a visitor, and asked him if he wanted to meet Paul and listen to him, before he left as a prisoner to Rome.

King Agrippa agreed:

> *So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city.*
>
> *Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. And Festus said,*
>
> *“King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.*
>
> *But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him.*
>
> *But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write.”*
>
> *So Agrippa said to Paul,*
>
> *“You have permission to speak for yourself.”*
>
> *Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:*
>
> *“I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.*

*My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that* ***according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee****.*

*And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king!*

*I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them.*

*And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities….*"

Paul then tells about his conversion on the road to Damascus, preaches the Gospel to the King which led Festus to say that Paul's great learning has made him "out of his mind", and then Paul asks King Agrippa a question, and read his reply:

*But Paul said,*

*"I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly.*

*For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.*

*King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe."*

*And Agrippa said to Paul,*

*"In a short time would you persuade me to be a* ***Christian****?"*

*And Paul said,*

*"Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."*

*Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another,*

*"This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment."*

*And Agrippa said to Festus,*

*"This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."* (Acts 26 & 27)

This King Agrippa was not well liked by the Jews, because they did not consider him a true Jew with an ethnic line back to Abraham, but rather a kind of half-breed Indumean and Samaritan, like a dirty "Gentile."

And remember, the term "Christian" was only used for Gentile believers, never Jewish believers.

So of course Paul would NOT answer "yes" to his question as to whether Paul was trying to convert him to a "Christian."

Instead he replies: "*I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains*."

Paul was a Jew. And not just an ordinary Jew, but actually a Jewish scholar in the party of the Pharisees, and of course he was circumcised, as Agrippa would have been also.

Paul wanted King Agrippa to become a Jewish believer who followed the Jewish sect called "The Way", even though the King was probably just a religious Jew, and not an actual ethnic Jew, and he was appointed to his position by Rome, and not well liked by the Jewish people.

Then we have the third and final instance in the Greek texts of the New Testament where the word "Christian" is used:

> ***If you are insulted because of the name of Christ****, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*
> *If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.*
>
> *However,* ***if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name****.* (1 Peter 4:14-16)

Peter was a circumcised Jew, and it is probable that he is addressing both Gentile believers and Jewish believers here. Gentile believers probably would not be "insulted" if they were called "Christians", but Jewish believers probably would be.

Again, these sentences are in the passive voice: "*if you are insulted*" and "*if you suffer*," where the subject, the ones using those terms, are not identified.

But in the entire rest of the New Testament, *the term "Christian" is never used again*.

## Preaching the Gospel to Congregations of Believers in the Roman Empire

When the Jews Paul and Barnabas became the first "missionaries" to travel to other places to "preach the Gospel," they always **started with the existing congregation of believers**, who were mainly Jews and maybe some Jewish converts (proselytes) who were circumcised, and probably even "devout people who feared God" like Cornelius was.

Their reception was almost ALWAYS divided, with the true believers accepting the Gospel, and the Satanic Jews not accepting it.

They were most certainly “church splitters”!

Here is one of the first recorded examples in Acts about the strategy of preaching the “Gospel” to the congregation of believers first, and the actual message is recorded here of “the Gospel” that Paul preached from Acts chapter 13.

Paul, a recognized Jewish scholar, was actually asked to speak by the rulers of the congregation.

> *From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue (congregation) and sat down.*
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> *After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying,*
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> > *“Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak.”*
>
> *Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:*
>
> *“**Men of Israel and you Gentiles** who worship God, listen to me!*
>
> *The God of the people of Israel chose our fathers; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt, with mighty power he led them out of that country, he endured their conduct for about forty years in the desert, he overthrew seven nations in Canaan and gave their land to his people as their inheritance.*
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> *All this took about 450 years. After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet.*
>
> *Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.*
>
> *After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’*
>
> ***From this man’s descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised**.*
>
> *Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. As John was completing his work, he said: ‘Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No, but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’*
>
> ***Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles**, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.*
>
> *Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.*

*But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.*

***We tell you the good news**: **What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus**.*

*As it is written in the second Psalm:*

> *'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'*

*The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words:*

> *'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'*

*So it is stated elsewhere:*

> *'You will not let your Holy One see decay.'*

*For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.*

*But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.*

*Therefore, **my brothers**, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. **Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses**.*

*Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:*

*'Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.'"*

*As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.*

*When the congregation was dismissed, **many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas**, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.*

*On the next Sabbath **almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord**.*
***When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying**.*
*Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly:*

> *"We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, **we now turn to the Gentiles**.*
>
> *For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "'**I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth**.'"*

*When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.*

*The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.*

***But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region**.*

*So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.* (Acts 13:14-52)

Here is another example from Acts in the city of Corinth:

*Paul entered the synagogue (congregation) and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.*

*But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and **publicly maligned the Way**. So Paul left them.*

*He took the disciples with him and **had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus**. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.* (Acts 19:8-10)

This then, was the method that "the Gospel" was preached throughout the Roman empire at that time, **always starting with the existing congregations first**, and then once they were expelled from there, they just went somewhere else, taking as many new believers with them as dared to follow them, in the face of heavy persecution and even risk to their own lives.

Notice that Luke did NOT write in Acts 19 that the Jews attacked the "Christians." No, he writes they refused to believe and **publicly maligned the Way**.

**The Way** was considered a sect of the Jewish religion.

## Preaching the Gospel to Congregations of Evangelical Zionist Christians Today

One of the distinguishing characteristics of the early believers is that they carried on the same ministry of miraculous healing and the casting out of demons that Jesus started.

This same ministry blueprint of "preaching the Gospel" to existing congregation of believers needs to start happening today to the members of the Evangelical Christian Churches, who desperately need to hear the REAL Gospel message.

The true believers that are already associated with these Churches need to understand the true Gospel themselves, then preach it to their leaders and fellow church members. They need to renounce Zionism, stop practicing idolatry by trusting their health and well-being to Big Pharma, and STOP kidnapping other people's children through Foster Care and Adoption programs.

If they don't receive you, then shake the dust off of your shoes and LEAVE!

And take as many members of the congregation as you can, because their very spiritual lives are at stake here.

The Zionists have the money and the greater numbers, just as they did in the First Century. But they cannot defeat the great power of the Holy Spirit, and the harvest fields are now ripe for harvest, just as they were in the First Century.

We need the Lord of the Harvest to send forth his messengers to harvest these souls. Just don't expect Satan and his Zionists to stand by and do nothing to stop you.

Suffering and persecution will soon be the norm for all true believers in Jesus Christ, and most of us will have to go underground, but that's what we signed up for.

> *Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.*
>
> *But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues (churches, congregations) and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.*
>
> ***This will result in your being witnesses to them**.*
>
> *But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For **I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict**. **You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death**.*
>
> ***All men will hate you because of me**.*
>
> *But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life*. (Luke 21:10-19)

# Jesus' Disciples who Changed the World After His Death were All Jews, NOT Christians

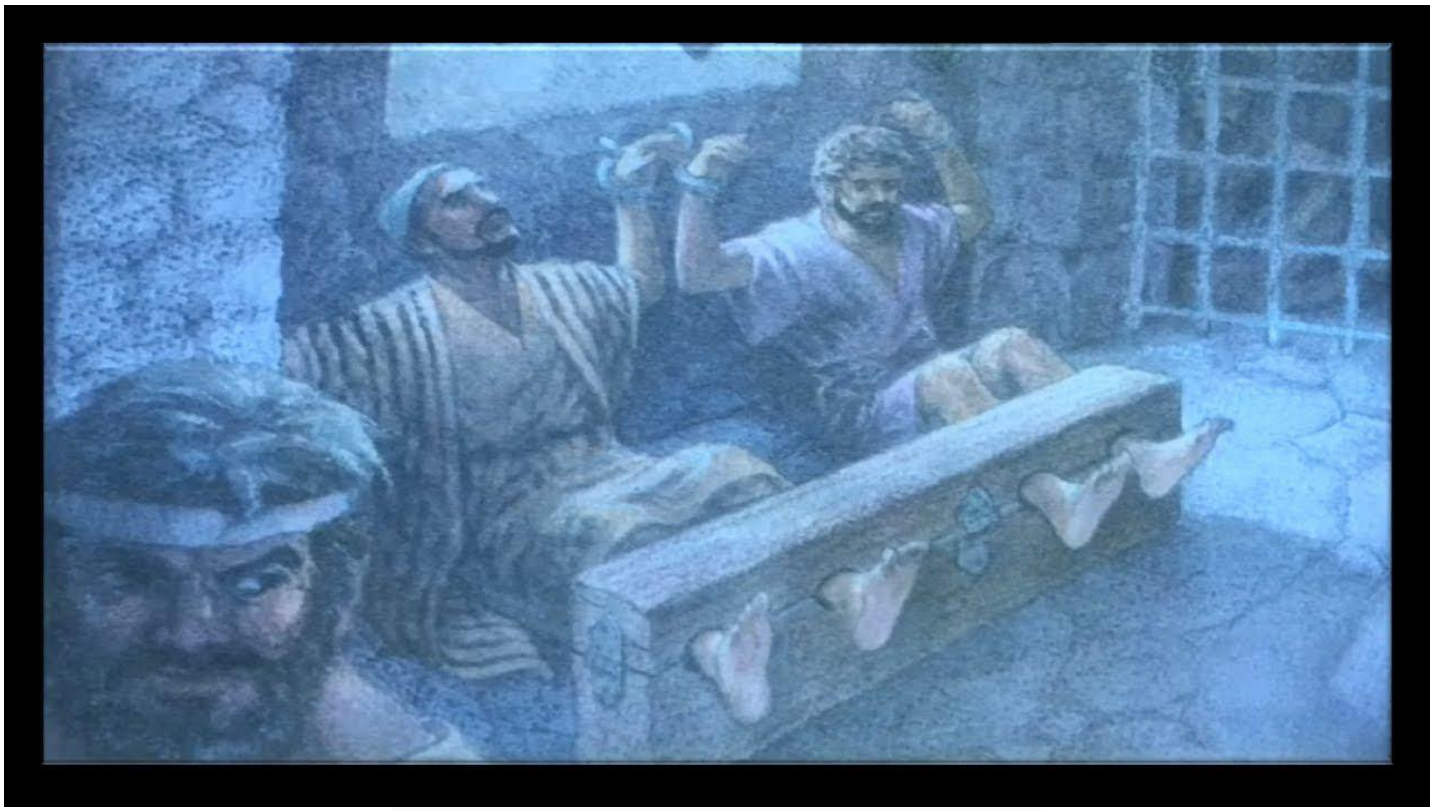


Illustration of Paul and Silas in jail in the city of Philippi.

In the last chapter I wrote about how modern-day Christians who are part of the Evangelical Church need to be evangelized, because most of them do not know the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, which states that we are all "One in Christ", and that there is no favored nation or race of people that are "chosen" with special privileges.

Such a belief that one group of people based on nationality or religion are better than other human beings, is called "racism" and is described as "prejudice" and "discrimination."

I also explained from the New Testament scriptures that the word "Christian" was only used 3 times in the entire New Testament, and that the disciples of Jesus Christ never referred to themselves as "Christians", which was a term that others used to describe the non-Jewish believers (uncircumcised) in the city of Antioch.

When the first disciples were sent from Antioch to go abroad and teach the people about Jesus, and how he was the Messiah and the fulfillment of the Old Testament Jewish prophets, Paul led this group from Antioch, which was the first place where Gentile believers (uncircumcised) were called Christians.

The leaders of these missionary groups were all Jews, including Paul, Barnabas, and Silas. They always went to the places where local Jewish believers were gathering first, which in our English Bibles are mostly referred to as “synagogues.”

As I wrote in the last chapter, our English words in the English translations of the Bible for local assemblies are sometimes called “churches” and sometimes called “synagogues”, but the underlining meaning of the Greek words used are the same, and can actually be used interchangeably.

The common modern belief that the English word “synagogue” today only refers to Jews who have not accepted Jesus as their Messiah, does not at all match up with how the word is used in the Bible.

We see in Acts chapter 14, for example, when Paul and Barnabas entered the city of Iconium, that the text says they went to the “Jewish synagogue”.

To use such a phrase today with the common understanding of “synagogue” would be redundant, since all “synagogues” are considered places of worship only for Jews, and specifically Jews who have not accepted Jesus as their Messiah.

But obviously Luke, who wrote Acts, felt it necessary to distinguish what type of synagogues Paul and the other disciples were visiting, as there were evidently non-Jewish synagogues as well in the Roman empire.

And in these Jewish synagogues were mixed congregations of BOTH Jews and Gentiles.

> *At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the **Jewish synagogue**. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of **Jews and Gentiles believed**.*
>
> *But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers*. (Acts 14:1-2)

Interestingly, in Acts chapter 16 we have the story of how Paul and the believers who were with them entered the Roman city of Philippi, where apparently there was no “Jewish synagogue”, so instead they went to a gathering of people who gathered together to “pray”, and they appeared to be mostly a female group.

What were they “praying” about, and based on what religious beliefs?

Well, they met on the Sabbath, which is a strong indication that these Gentile believers were gathering together in accordance with the Law of Moses and the Old Testament.

Like the Roman centurion we meet in Acts chapter 10 who “worshiped God” and was not a Jew nor a Jewish convert (he was not circumcised), but received the Holy Spirit through faith when Peter visited him, so too these local women, apparently headed by a woman business leader (Lydia), were also worshipers of the one true God revealed in the Old Testament writings of Moses and the Prophets.

*From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.*

*On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.*

*One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God.*

*The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.*

*When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home.*

> *"If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house."*

*And she persuaded us.* (Acts 16:12-15)

As this story unfolds in Acts chapter 16, we see that Paul and his group, which at this point included Luke who wrote Acts, as he begins using the first person plural "we", stayed in Philippi for an extended period of time, which resulted in upsetting the city's economic system when they started healing people and casting out demons from people.

*Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.*

*This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting,*

> *"These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved."*

*She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit,*

> *"In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!"*

*At that moment the spirit left her. When the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.* (Acts 16:16-19)

Now remember, this is a mixed congregation of both Jewish and Gentile believers. Paul and his group had traveled there from Anticoh, the first city where the Gentile believers were called "Christians."

Now they are in a city, Philippi, where apparently there are very few or possibly no Jews, as there was not even a local "synagogue".

So how did these Philippians refer to Paul and his group? If ever there was a time to refer to them as "Christians," this would be it!

Here's what they said to the magistrates:

> They brought them before the magistrates and said,
>
> > "**These men are Jews**, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."
>
> The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten.
>
> After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. (Acts 16:20-24)

The leaders of Philippi clearly had a bias against Jews ("antisemitics" today), as the Jews of their day clearly opposed their own pagan religious activities from their own "synagogues" and temples, and the city's commerce system was obviously based on these pagan rituals and activities.

And the Jews they were attacking in this story were all Jews who believed that Jesus was the Messiah, who were in that city for that very reason, to explain how Jesus was the prophesied Messiah.

This story in Acts 16 and many others in the book of Acts clearly show that ALL the believers who chose to believe in Jesus and accept him as the Messiah, came from a Jewish background, whether they were ethnic Jews or Gentiles.

They all came out of the Jewish faith.

We see this all throughout Acts where the local synagogue congregations were all mixed congregations of Jews and Gentiles who followed the principles of the Jewish faith and the Old Testament writings.

The one exception seems to be Philippi, where the local group worshiping God according to the Old Testament writings, were all Gentiles and mostly women.

These entire groups of believers who accepted the teachings from Paul and the others continued to be called "Jews", and not "Christians".

They were seen as a "sect" of the Jewish religion, called "The Way." This was the term that Paul used to describe himself later in the book of Acts when he was held as a prisoner:

> *However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a **follower of the Way**, which they call a sect.*
>
> *I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked*. (Acts 24:14-15)

Paul clearly counts himself as a member of the Jewish religion, and a member of the “sect” called “The Way.”

## God Does Not Show “Partiality” by Favoring One Nation Above Others

Jesus clearly taught in John chapter 8 that simply being an ethnic “Jew”, a descent of Abraham, did not save them. He classified the Jews of his day as either Jews who believed in him as the Messiah, or Jews who rejected him, and served their father “the Devil.”

> *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said,*
>
> > *“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*
>
> (John 8:31-32)

To those Jews who did not believe in Jesus:

> *You **belong to your father, the devil**, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies*. (John 8:44)

The common (wrong) belief among ethnic Jews that they were more special than non-Jews, even among those who believed and followed Jesus when he walked this earth, was a hard false doctrine to refute.

We see in Acts chapter 10 that it took a special vision with Peter to break him out of this demonic doctrine. This is what he said after he observed firsthand how God saved Gentile believers:

> *Then Peter began to speak:*
>
> > *"I now realize how true it is that* ***God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right****."*
>
> (Acts 10:34-35)

This has ALWAYS been true, even before Jesus came on the scene, and we see the evidence of it in the book of Acts as the leaders from the Antioch congregation went to all the "Jewish Synagogues" throughout the Roman empire, and found mixed congregations there of both Jews and Gentiles, with perhaps Philippi being one exception where there were apparently only Gentile believers practicing the Jewish faith.

Paul has written extensively about this issue, and we have his letters to the mixed congregations of believers that he helped start in the New Testament portion of the Bible.

Here is what he wrote about being a "Jew" and "circumcision":

> *For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and* ***circumcision is that of the heart****, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God*. (Romans 2:28-29)

This verse and many others that Paul wrote clearly teach that being an ethnic Jew, or a religious Jew by circumcision, **does not save anyone**.

The **true Jews** today are those who have "circumcised hearts", the "new heart" that is part of the New Covenant that I have previously written about for those who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah and received new hearts and a new spirit, the Holy Spirit of God. See:

## What is the Condition of Your Heart?

The early believers in the New Testament were NOT Christians. They were believing Jews, even if they were not ethnic Jews or Jewish religious converts, but were following the Old Testament scriptures, just as the Roman soldier Cornelius was in Acts 10, and Lydia was in Acts 16.

I know this is a hard message for those who grew up in the Western cultures that speak English. It took me MANY years to finally come to this conclusion by studying the Bible for over 40 years now.

I no longer call myself a "Christian". I am a believer in Jesus Christ, and I am not ashamed to wear the "Jewish" label, calling myself a "Spiritual Jew".

All of us who have received new hearts and have gone through the spiritual new birth and now have the Spirit of God residing in our hearts are the TRUE JEWS.

So go ahead and call me “antisemitic” for opposing the Zionist Satanic Jews if you want, but God sees my heart and he communicates with me there, and YOU Evangelical Christians are the true “antisemitic” Jew haters, as you follow your real father while hiding behind the label of “Christian.”

# Hodos: The Way of Christ – One Way Only, No U-Turns

"*I am **The Way***" (**Hodos**) – **Jesus Christ, John 14:6**.

I have written many articles over the years explaining that the use of the term "Christian" and the religion of "Christianity" in modern-day Western culture are not consistent with what we find in the New Testament portion of the Bible.

Many of the readers of these articles see this truth, and therefore want to know what terms to use to describe those of us who are followers of Jesus Christ and do not want to be identified by the teachings of men and their false, destructive religious doctrines.

I have publicly called myself a "Spiritual Jew", which is a more descriptive designation according to the teachings of the New Testament original manuscripts, and highlights the fact that we cannot use the term "Jew" or "Jewish" to simply refer to only one group of people.

Jesus himself divided the Jews of his day between Jews who became his disciples, and Jews who rejected him and followed their "father" the Devil, as he so clearly teaches in John chapter 8.

Jesus himself never abandoned the term “Jew” and continued to distinguish the difference between the “Godly Jews” and the “Satanic Jews” all the way into the book of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament, implying that the term “Jew” should really only apply to the Godly Jews:

> *I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those* ***who say they are Jews and are not****, but are a synagogue of Satan*. (Revelation 2:9)
>
> *I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan,* ***who claim to be Jews though they are not****, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you*. (Revelation 3:9)

What is so significant about these words from Jesus recorded in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 is that he is addressing congregations of believers outside of Israel, in the Roman Province of Asia, and never addresses any congregations (synagogues) in Jerusalem or Israel, so these were mixed congregations of both Jewish and Gentile believers indicating that “Jews” was the common term used for the true believers.

Jesus does not use the word “Christian” at all in Revelation, but he does address one group of Christians called the “Nicolaitans” whose practices he said he hated. (See Chapter 3)

As I have previously written, our modern-day western culture interpretation almost always refers to “Jews” as a homogeneous meaning that only has one definition, as either ONLY negative like the “Satanic” Jews (Zionists), or as ONLY positive as “the chosen people.”

For example, I have known many people in the U.S. throughout my life who claim that their heritage and ethnicity is “Jewish”, but because they accept that Jesus is the Messiah, all of them just refer to themselves as “Christians”, because this is what modern Western Culture has taught them to say.

How one defines the term “Jew” in their own minds is almost completely prejudicial today, based on religious dogma. To learn about the many different ways the term “Jew” can be used, see this article I wrote in 2021:

## Identifying the Luciferian Globalists Implementing the New World Order – Who are the “Jews”?

What I want to do in this article, is look at the texts of the New Testament to see how the disciples of Jesus referred to themselves, and propose the use of a word that is in the original texts but is not common in the English language, and therefore may have less prejudicial biases than common terms used today in the English language.

And that term is “Hodos.” It is a Greek word (ὁδός) that means the “way, road, or path.”

There are, of course, English words and phrases already in use that are interpreted from this Greek word, such as “the way of Christ”, but such phrases are usually attributed prejudicially to the Christian religion.

“*Via Dolorosa*“, is another term from the Latin that is used in Christianity, which means “*the **way** of suffering”*, often referring to the road through Jerusalem that Jesus walked carrying the cross out of the city that he was to be executed on.

But again, these are terms that are almost always prejudicially referred to as part of Christianity.

“Hodos” is a word we can use in English that is what we call a “transliteration” of the original word in the original language, by simply using modern day letters of the English alphabet.

We already have many such Greek words that have been adopted into the English language that are NOT translated, such as “apostle” or “synagogue.”

These are actually Greek words, not English words, that are transliterated and not translated. The proper translation for apostle in English would be “missionary, ambassador, or messenger.” The proper translation for synagogue would be “assembly, gathering or congregation.”

Therefore, since Hodos is such a common word used in the Bible, let’s take a look and see how it was used by the disciples of Jesus Christ.

## The Conversion of Saul the Satanic Jew to Paul the Hodos Jew

The True Way is opposed by both Jews and Christians, many of whom are Freemasons following the "Ways of the World."

One of the best definitions of Hodos is given by Saul/Paul in Acts chapter 22 (Emphasis mine).

> *"Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense."*
>
> *When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet. Then Paul said:*
>
> *"**I am a Jew**, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.*
>
> *I persecuted **the followers of this Way** (**Hodos**) **to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison**, as also the high priest and all the Council can testify. I even obtained letters from them to their brothers in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.*
>
> *About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me,*

*“Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?’*

*“Who are you, Lord?” I asked.*

*“I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.*

*My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me.*

*“What shall I do, Lord?” I asked.*

*“Get up,” the Lord said, “and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.”*

*My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me.*

*A man named Ananias came to see me. He was* ***a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews*** *living there.*
*He stood beside me and said, “Brother Saul, receive your sight!”*

*And at that very moment I was able to see him.*

*Then he said:*

*“The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.*

*And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.”*

*When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance and saw the Lord speaking.*

*“Quick!” he said to me.*

*“Leave Jerusalem immediately, because they will not accept your testimony about me.”*

*“Lord,” I replied, “these men know that I went from one synagogue to another to imprison and beat those who believe in you.*

*And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.”*

*Then the Lord said to me, “Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.”* (Acts 22:1-21)

When Christians today read this story in Acts 21, they wrongly refer to Paul and his companions as "Christians", and they also refer to Ananias and his companions whom Paul was going to arrest, as "Christians."

But the text makes it very clear here that these men were NOT Christians. They were **Jews**, and they were distinguished from the Jews who were like Paul before his conversion, as Hodos.

Paul also became a member of Hodos on this trip, and the Satanic Jews tried to kill him as a result.

> *At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.*
>
> *All those who heard him were astonished and asked,*
>
> > *"Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"*
>
> *Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.*
>
> *After many days had gone by,* ***the Jews conspired to kill him****, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him.*
> *But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. (Acts 9:20-25)*

This is another common theme in the New Testament regarding members of Hodos: the Satanic Jews constantly tried to kill them.

After Paul's conversion to Hodos, he continues to use the term to describe the Jewish believes who believed in Jesus as the Christ (Messiah).

He spent two years in the city of Ephesus, which was the center of the Roman province of Asia, with their economy dependent upon the Temple and worship of Artemis. I wrote about his time in Ephesus in one of my last articles of 2025. See:

## The True Gospel of Jesus Christ Threatens the Business of the Freemasons and Technocrats

Hodos was completely disrupting the economy of this once great city. This is recorded in Acts 19:

> *Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.*
>
> *But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and* ***publicly maligned the Way (Hodos)****.*

*So Paul left them.*

*He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went* on *for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord*. (Acts 19:8-10)

*About that time there arose a great disturbance about* ***the Way (Hodos)****.*
*A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in no little business for the craftsmen. He called them together, along with the workmen in related trades, and said:*

*"Men, you know we receive a good income from this business. And you see and hear how this fellow* ***Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia****.*

*He says that man-made gods are no gods at all. There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."*

*When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting:*

*"Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"*

(Acts 19:23-28)

# The Origin of Hodos

The Last Supper. 1886 by Fritz von Uhde

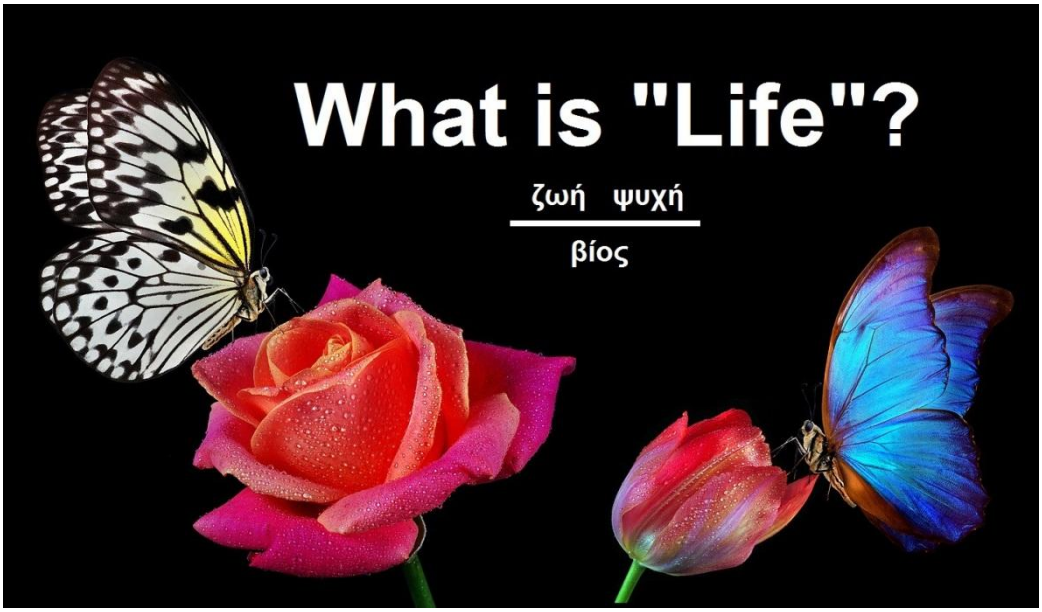
The origin of the Jewish sect called Hodos is recorded in the Gospel of John, during what is commonly referred to as the “Last Supper” of Jesus Christ, and the record of his teachings to his disciples just before he was executed.

Notice carefully the order of Jesus’s words that he uses about himself.

> *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.*
>
> *In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.*
>
> *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.* ***You know the way (Hodos)*** *to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him,*
>
> *“Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so* ***how can we know the way****? (****Hodos****)” Jesus answered, “I am* ***the way (Hodos)*** *and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”* (John 14:1-7)

Jesus used three terms to describe himself, and we can be certain that he chose the order of those three terms intentionally.

First is **Hodos**, **The Way**, which one must be part of to get to the second term, The Truth, which then leads to the third term, The Life. “Life” here is the Greek word zōē (ζωή), with the wider meaning of “eternal life.” See:




## What is Life?

Without Hodos, you cannot see The Truth, and if you cannot see The Truth, you do not have The (eternal) Life.

Hodos is the Way to God, and the Way to the Kingdom of God. This Hodos begins in Genesis and travels throughout history all **the way** to the last pages of the Scripture, in Revelation.

This Way travels through Abraham, and his grandson Jacob who was renamed “Israel”, and continues the Way through the Israelites and Jewish people until Jesus arrived on the scene, and announced that he was The Way (Hodos).

Therefore, Hodos supersedes Judaism, the religion of the Jews, as it existed before Israel, and it exists now after Israel was destroyed in AD 70.

The political nation of “Israel” today is not Hodos, because Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah, is now Hodos.

Here is what Jesus said to the Jews of his day regarding Hodos, where he continues to make a distinction between the Godly Jews and the Satanic Jews:

> *Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and **the way is easy that leads to destruction**, and **those who enter by it are many**.*
>
> *For the gate is narrow and **the way (Hodos) is hard that leads to life**, and **those who find it are few**.* (Matthew 7:13-14)

As we can see from this teaching of Jesus, there are two “ways” in life. One “way” is actually the way of Satan that leads to destruction, and this is the predominate “way” that most people in life travel down.

This is the “easy way” according to Jesus, because it doesn’t cost much to follow the crowd and enjoy the benefits of a society run by Satan and the Freemasons.

The Way of Jesus (Hodos), however, is not easy, but hard, and few travel on this Way.

Here are some more descriptions of Hodos that Jesus taught and experienced, as he warned his followers just how difficult this path was.

> *Then Jesus said to his disciples,*
>
> > *“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*
> >
> > *For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.*
> >
> > *What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”* (Matthew 16:24-26)
>
> *Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.*
>
> *For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— **a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household**.*
>
> *Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*
>
> *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it*. (Matthew 10:34-39)

THIS is Hodos! And very few are willing to pay the price to travel down this path, preferring instead to go with the crowd, not willing to lose their family and friends, because the cost is just too high.

And yet this is the **only Way** that exists to enter the Kingdom of God, and escape Satan’s world system which is destined for judgment.

Those of us on this path are “followers” or “pilgrims”, because we do not belong to this world. We know that the “good life” does not exist in this present world, but only in the Kingdom of God and the future reign of King Jesus, to which we look forward to, as have all the pilgrims that have traveled down this path before us having faith in what we will receive in the future, **but not in this life on earth**.

*By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.*

*And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.*

*All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.*

***And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth**.*

*People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left (Israel), they would have had opportunity to return.*

*Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*

*And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.*

*Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.*

***Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them**.*

*They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.* (Hebrews 11)

I felt led by the Holy Spirit to create the image I created for this article, as a visible representation of Hodos. Instead of religious symbols, I used universally recognized road symbols, to illustrate the truth of The Way, Hodos.

I chose to use “no u-turn” symbols that point to both **the Right** and **the Left,** because both of those paths are the wrong way that Jesus said leads to destruction.

This is my first article of 2026, and instead of trying to predict what Satan might do and how he will use the United States to accomplish his goals through the Freemasons and Satanic Jews (Zionists), I think it is better to start the year by understanding **Hodos**, the ONLY way forward in this world if you want to escape the certain judgments of a Holy and Righteous God when he begins his purge of evil, which this time will be by fire (as opposed to his first time when it was by water, the Flood of Noah).

> *The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. (Matthew 3:10)*
>
> *His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Matthew 3:12)*
>
> *As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.*
>
> *The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:40-42)*
>
> *All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.*
>
> *God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well.*
>
> *This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.*

*He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. (2 Thessalonians 1:5-10)*

*First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say,*

> *"Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."*

*But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.*

*By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (2 Peter 3:3-7)*

*See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?*

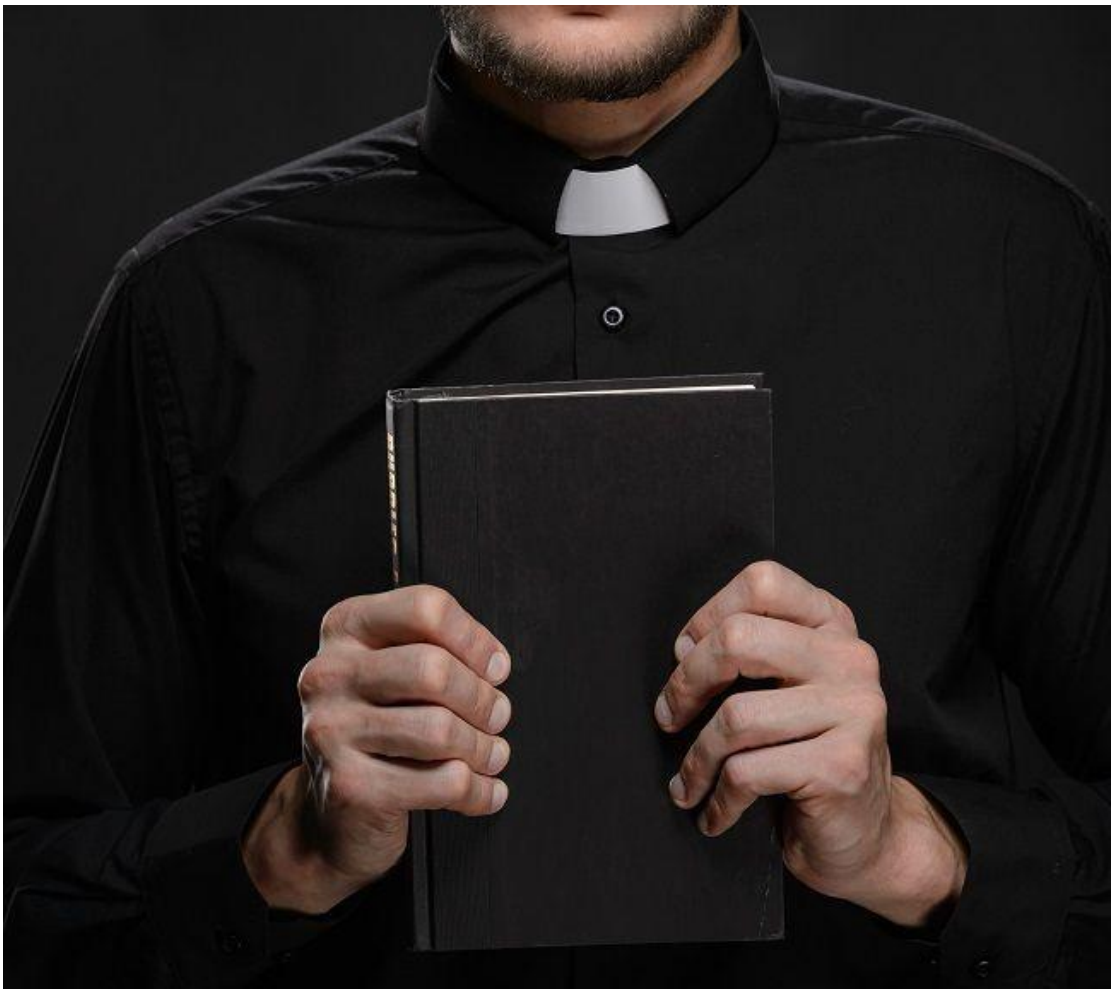
*At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised,*

> *"Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."*

*The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.*

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:25-29)*

# Is “Pastor” A Biblical Title for Church Leaders?



The English word “pastor” today is most often used in front of a person’s name as a title of someone in a leadership position within a church or religious organization.

But is this common title used so often in modern culture really biblical? Would believers in Jesus Christ in the First Century, among whom are the writers of the New Testament portion of the Bible, have used this term as a title, representing leaders and authorities?

## “Pastor” = “Shepherd”

In our English translations of the Bible, we have two words that mean the same thing and are translated from the same word in the original Greek language.

Those words are “shepherd” and “pastor.” They can be used interchangeably, and there is no difference in meaning since both words translate the same word in the Greek language used in the New Testament portion of the Bible, and the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament.

The term can refer to someone who is occupied tending livestock such as we see in the Christmas story in Luke (see Luke 2:8-15), or it can refer figuratively to rulers and leaders.

## Pastor/Shepherd Used to Refer to Rulers

In secular classical Greek, for example, Homer, Plato, Socrates and others used the term metaphorically to refer to leaders, rulers, commanders, and others.

In other ancient texts among the Sumerians and Babylonians, the concept of “pastor” is used figuratively of both rulers and divinities, with the people under their rule being their “flock.”

In the Old Testament portion of the Bible the term “shepherd” was also frequently used to refer to political and religious leaders.

The prophet Jeremiah prophesied against the idolatry and corruption of the king and rulers of his day, warning of the coming destruction of Jerusalem, and referred to these leaders as shepherds:

> *Weep and wail, you shepherds; roll in the dust, you leaders of the flock. For your time to be slaughtered has come; you will fall and be shattered like fine pottery.*
>
> *The shepherds will have nowhere to flee, the leaders of the flock no place to escape. Hear the cry of the shepherds, the wailing of the leaders of the flock, for the LORD is destroying their pasture.*
>
> *The peaceful meadows will be laid waste because of the fierce anger of the LORD. Like a lion he will leave his lair, and their land will become desolate because of the sword of the oppressor and because of the LORD’s fierce anger.* (Jeremiah 25:34-38)

## God Wanted to be the Pastor and Ruler of Israel

As we look at the history of Israel in the Old Testament accounts, we see that God always desired to be the ruler of his people. He begrudgingly allowed them to setup a king during the days of the Judge Samuel, but he made it clear that this was not the best choice:

> *And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do.”*
>
> *Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.*
>
> *He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will do: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will*

*assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.*

*He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. Your menservants and maidservants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves.*

*When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the LORD will not answer you in that day."*

*But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."*

*When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD.*

*The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."* (1 Samuel 8:7-22)

Having human rulers rather than God as your king is a poor substitute, and history shows us that most of the kings over Israel became corrupt.

So as we see in the prophecy of Jeremiah above, when the rulers were referred to as "shepherds," they were not very good at taking care of their "flock."

In contrast, we see the term shepherd used for God in the Old Testament as the one who truly looks after his "flock":

*See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.*

*He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.* (Isaiah 40:10-11)

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake*. (Psalms 23:1-3)

The well-known words of Psalm 23 were written by one of the few good kings of Israel, David. David was not from a family of nobility, but was a simple shepherd boy himself when he was called and anointed as king.

God made a covenant with him and his descendants, and the future Messiah was to come from among his descendants.

## Human Pastors have Always Failed

The prophet Ezekiel prophesied during the same time period as Jeremiah. He too referred to the political rulers of Israel as bad "shepherds," and declared that God would take the flock away from them and tend the sheep himself:

> *The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?*
>
> *You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock.*
>
> *You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.*
>
> *So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.*
>
> *Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock.*
>
> *I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.*
>
> *For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep.*
>
> *I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down," declares the Sovereign LORD.*
>
> *"I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice."* (Ezekiel 34:1-16)

## Prophecy of the "One Shepherd" to Rule Forever

Now remember from the passage above in Samuel, this was God's plan from the beginning: to be their Shepherd and Ruler.

The human shepherds did a lousy job in his place.

So how was God going to fulfill this plan to become the Shepherd of his people? Through the promise of the Messiah, the king who was to come in the line of David:

> *I will place over them **one shepherd**, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken*. (Ezekiel 34:23-24)

King David himself had died hundreds of years before this prophecy was written by Ezekiel. So this prophecy was regarding the promise made to David that someone from his family line would rule over and shepherd the people "forever:"

> *Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever*. (2 Samuel 7:16)

But this seems like a contradiction. If God wants to be the ruler and shepherd over his flock instead of human rulers, how could this promise made to David, and confirmed by the prophesy of Ezekiel, ever work out through another human ruler?

It probably confused Jewish scholars for many years.

## Jesus Became the "One Shepherd" and Fulfilled Prophecy

The answer is found in the Christmas story, when the angels from heaven revealed to common shepherds tending their flocks at night that the Messiah, the promised Jewish King from the line of David, had been born.

The Messiah and Shepherd of the people would be born through a virgin woman, and be the Son of God himself. And who better to announce this event to, than the literal shepherds watching over their flocks of livestock?

The imagery and symbolism are incredible!!

Later, when Jesus grows up and begins his public ministry as the prophesied Messiah, he refers to himself as the "Good Shepherd":

> *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep.*
>
> *So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.*

*I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

*I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and* ***there shall be one flock and one shepherd****."* (John 10:11-16)

## Only One Shepherd

Notice that Jesus states that there is only *one* flock, and only *one* shepherd. This is almost identical to the prophecy of Ezekiel written above "I will place over them *one* shepherd." (Ezekiel 34:23)

We are not dealing with a plurality of shepherds in these texts. Jesus is making claim to being the owner of the flock, and the *one* shepherd.

Throughout the New Testament writings, the only person referred to by name with the title "Shepherd" or "Pastor" (there is only one word in the Greek language) is Jesus Christ:

*Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen*. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

The exceptions where the term "shepherd" does not refer to Jesus in the New Testament are Luke 2, the shepherds in the fields at the time of Christ's birth (see above), and Ephesians 4:11.

In most of our English translations of the Bible, only in Ephesians 4:11 is the word "pastor" chosen to be used instead of "shepherd":

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as* ***pastors*** *and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ*. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

In all the other New Testament references the word "shepherd" is chosen, even though the word in the original language is exactly the same.

## Are Modern Day "Pastors" Using a Biblical Title?

In our modern day English, the term "pastor" is usually associated with a religious leader in a church organization. But such a distinction is not seen in the language of the New Testament. There is only one Greek word used, and it is the same word we translate to "shepherd."

The use of "pastor" in Ephesians 4:11 is linked together with "teacher," and does not specify an office or official position in the church.

How could it, when the term “pastor” is so clearly related to the Messiah and King Jesus, of which there is only one?

Jesus himself seems to warn against the use of titles among his followers:

> *But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.*
>
> *Nor are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have one Teacher, the Christ.*
>
> *The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted*. (Matthew 23:8-12)

The leaders described in the New Testament congregations were described by different words: elders (also translated “overseer” or “bishop”) and deacons, although even these designations were not used as titles.

Specifications are given for the positions of elders and deacons (see: 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1,) but never for “pastors.”

Pastor is never attached to anyone’s name outside of Christ, leading one to believe that the use in Ephesians 4:11 was a function, and not a title.

Maybe we can get a clue from Jesus’ words to Peter just before he left the earth and ascended to heaven about how the term “pastor” was understood:

> *Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.*”(John 21:16)

Who do the sheep belong to?

Jesus said “*Take care of my sheep*.”

We belong to Jesus. He is our one Pastor. There is only one flock, and only one shepherd/pastor.

In John chapter 10 Jesus refers to the others who tend the sheep as either thieves and robbers, or “hired hands.”

The thieves and robbers in Jesus’ day were the religious leaders who opposed Jesus because he threatened their power base. “Hired hands” or employees don’t usually look after affairs with the same care that the owner does.

But when we are reborn into Jesus’ Kingdom, we become co-heirs with him. (See Galatians 4:1-7 and Romans 8:14-17) We are no longer employees or slaves in God’s Kingdom, but adopted sons.

We have a new motivation to serve Christ, our one Pastor. We represent him in our service to the flock.

While the term “pastor” is never used as a title of a leader in the church, the verb form of “shepherding” or “pastoring” was used of the church leaders: the elders and deacons. (See Acts 20:28 for an example.)

But the job of shepherding is not limited to only leaders in the church. There is only one Pastor, and all shepherding is done under his leadership.

## Where did the Modern Day Term “Pastor” Originate for Religious Leaders?

So if the term “pastor” is never used as a title to anyone besides Jesus Christ in New Testament times, why are we using it now?

The answer probably lies in the use of another title used in church history, the title of “priest.” The Old Testament priesthood was done away with by Christ, who became our new High Priest, replacing the need for human priests. This is explained in Hebrews chapter 7.

Unfortunately, as the established church institutions became more corrupt and wanted to exert more influence over the general population, the office of “priest” was setup again with a hierarchy system to rule over the people.

The reformation period of Europe in the 18th century did away with a lot of these practices of the church, returning the power to the people by translating the scriptures into the common language of the people, for example.

They also did away with the hierarchal office and authoritarian system of “priests.”

Unfortunately, most denominations simply replaced the concept of a central authority figure like the priest with a new one, the “pastor.” Some organizations continue to use the office of priest as well.

Neither authority figure is biblical, since the flock belongs to the one Pastor, the High Priest Jesus.

Who will follow the one true Pastor Jesus, who is the rightful owner of the one true flock, and tend to his sheep under his leadership? Who will pray in faith with the power and authority of Jesus to affect true healing for the multitudes that are suffering in the 21st century? Who will deal with the disease and effects of sin and receive the forgiveness from Jesus that cleanses and heals?

The great Shepherd, our one and only Pastor, came into the world as an infant, fulfilled his role as the One Pastor who gave up his life for his sheep, and the world has never been the same.

The power that created the world humbled himself and entered the flow of human history as a helpless baby, but he was only recognized by a few humble shepherds, while he lay in a simple shepherd’s manger.

Who will recognize the one true Shepherd today, and follow his leadership, rather than the false shepherds of our culture? Will you?

> *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.* (Psalms 23:1-3)

# Christian Myths: The Bible does NOT Teach that it is Required for Believers in Jesus to “Join a Church”

I have been warning believers in Jesus Christ since 2020-2021 to get out of the Corporate Churches, most of which today I would use the biblical label of “Synagogues of Satan”, as in general these Corporate Churches work together with the U.S. Government to participate in and support the Satanic structures that are the foundation of American culture today, such as the Demonic medical system and their products such as vaccines, the trafficking of children through foster care and adoption, the Zionist movement that supports genocide, and many other Satanic programs.

I have shown how the American Church and Corporate Christianity are inseparable from the U.S. federal government, which best describes “The Great Prostitute” and “Babylon” in the book of Revelation.

## The Imminent Demise of Christianity in America: “Come out of her my people lest you share her plagues…”

I wrote an article in 2021 showing how the Christian Religion is not even found in the Bible, which is Chapter 2 in this book.

That article was referenced in two testimonials we published, where a man from a Muslim nation met the Jesus of the Bible, and where a homeless young man also met the Jesus of the Bible.

Both testified that they felt relieved that they could serve Jesus without converting to Christianity or joining a corporate church. See:

COVID “Vaccine” Injured Muslim Man Learns COVID was a Scam and Meets Jesus of the Bible as he Begins to Heal

Young Man Living on the Streets Finds Jesus of the Bible – Overcomes Drug and “Terminally Online” Addictions

Whenever I publish this truth from the Bible, that one does NOT need to join a church or become a Christian to know Jesus, I always get two types of responses from Christians.

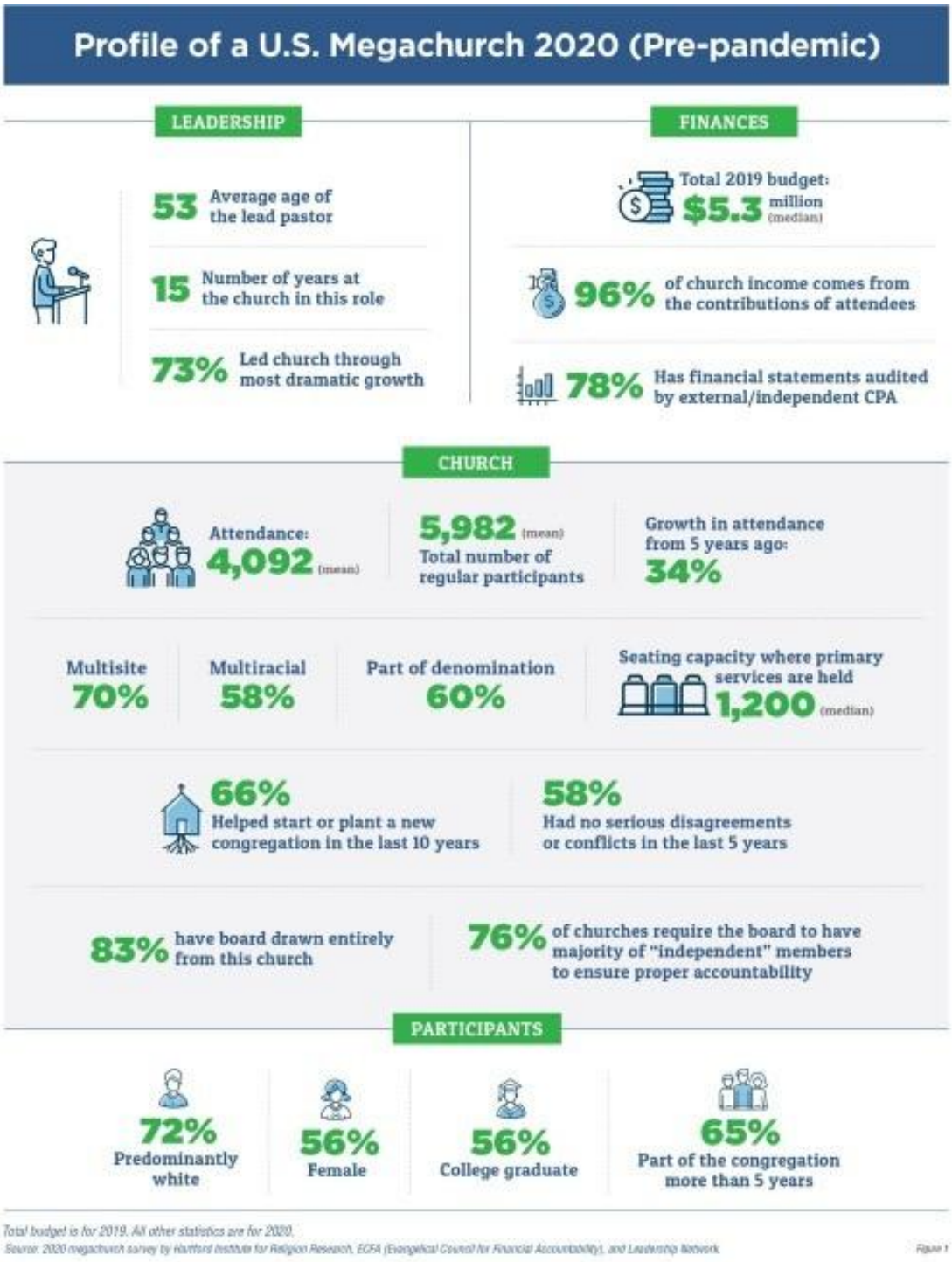
The first response is that while there are indeed a lot of problems within Christianity and the Corporate Churches, that one still needs to find a “good” church, usually referred to as something like “*a Bible-believing church with sound doctrine*,” with severe warnings if one doesn’t do so. They usually write things like “*there are no Lone Ranger Christians*” or “*you may end up like Jim Jones*,” a Pastor who led his entire congregation to commit mass suicide-murder in Jonestown, Guyana, back in 1978.

The second response is usually something like: “*OK, I know that the corporate churches are bad, but where do I go to find other believers I can meet with and have fellowship with*?”

The thing that both of these responses seem to agree upon, is that the Bible teaches us to find a group of believers who meet together and then join that group, because we are commanded to do so, and to not seek out “fellowship” with other believers, is a sin.

So what I am going to do in here is show how this “teaching” is NOT found in the Bible, so you can be free from feeling guilty about this myth, and then give some practical ideas of what you could do in place of spending so much time trying to find other believers who think like you and agree with you on every issue.

## A Look at Congregations of Believers in the New Testament Portion of the Bible


Profile of a U.S. Megachurch 2020 (Pre-pandemic)
LEADERSHIP
53 Average age of the lead pastor
15 Number of years at the church in this role
73% Led church through most dramatic growth
FINANCES
Total 2019 budget: $5.3 million (median)
96% of church income comes from the contributions of attendees
78% Has financial statements audited by external/independent CPA
CHURCH
Attendance: 4,092 (mean)
5,982 (mean) Total number of regular participants
Growth in attendance from 5 years ago: 34%
Multisite 70%
Multiracial 58%
Part of denomination 60%
Seating capacity where primary services are held 1,200 (median)
66% Helped start or plant a new congregation in the last 10 years
58% Had no serious disagreements or conflicts in the last 5 years
83% have board drawn entirely from this church
76% of churches require the board to have majority of "independent" members to ensure proper accountability
PARTICIPANTS
72% Predominantly white
56% Female
56% College graduate
65% Part of the congregation more than 5 years
Total budget is for 2019. All other statistics are for 2020.
Source: 2020 megachurch survey by Hartford Institute for Religion Research, ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability), and Leadership Network
Figure 1

One of the biggest problems in studying this topic is the English word “church” that was chosen to be used in the earliest translations of the Bible from the original language it was written in, Koine Greek.

It is absolutely the wrong English word, as I have documented in many previous chapters, so I won’t repeat that information here. (See Chapter 2.)

The other myth in Corporate Christianity that I have exposed for going on two decades now, is that the Bible teaches you must have a “Pastor” who heads up the “Church” to guide the congregation.

This is not only a myth, but it is blasphemy, as the English word “pastor” is synonymous with the English word “shepherd,” translated from the exact same Greek word, and Jesus made it abundantly clear that there was only “One” Shepherd (John 10:16), and that believers should not have titles of authority (Matthew 23:8-12).

(See the first Addendum in this book.)

So what about the belief that: Every believer in Jesus Christ needs to be part of a “*bible-believing church*” because there are “*no lone ranger Christians*“?

Where is that found in the Bible?

Nowhere.

If anyone tells you this, politely ask them to show you where in the Bible this is taught.

Most will probably not know, but of the ones who do claim to know, probably 99.99% of them will point to a single verse in the book of Hebrews in the Bible:

> *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching*. (Hebrews 10:25)

The first thing to notice about this verse is that it is NOT an exhortation *to start doing something*, but an exhortation *to continue doing something they were already doing*.

The Book of Hebrews in the Bible was written primarily to Jewish believers in Jesus Christ in the First Century. The whole purpose of this book included in the Bible was to show to the Jews that the New Covenant instituted by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, replaced the Old Covenant instituted by Moses.

I know that all the various flavors of Christian Zionism will start shrieking at this point, perhaps even foaming at the mouth in their vehement opposition to this truth so clearly taught in the Bible, but I deal with the false Zionist teachings in this article:

## Exposing the Christian Zionism Cult

It is truly amazing how easy it is to deprogram oneself from the Christian Cult by simply reading the Bible for yourself, to see what it actually says.

And this is especially true if you look at the original texts in the original language that the New Testament was written in, which technology has made much easier to do today with electronic Bible Software. See:

## Should You Read the Ancient Bible? Is The Bible Accurate or Corrupted?

In the original Greek text manuscripts that the New Testament collection of writings are based upon, there were two primary Greek words used to refer to believers gathering together.

One was "*ekklesia*", which literally means a "called out assembly", and is most often, but not always, translated into the English as "church."

The other one was "*sunagōgē*", which means "assembly" or "congregation," which is pretty much identical in meaning to "*ekklesia*", and which usually, but not always, is not even translated, but is spelled with its "latinized" alphabet, from which English is also, as "synagogue."

Remember, the English word "church" was chosen for "*ekklesia*" in the original English translations of the Bible, and "authorized" by the King of England and the Pope at that time. In the Latin Vulgate which the Catholic Church used, the Latin-derived languages continued to use the "latinized" alphabet for this word, such as the Spanish "Iglesia" which is still used today.

In the original Greek language, the most common distinction between "*ekklesia*" and "*sunagōgē*" was that "*ekklesia*" usually, but not always, applied to either Gentile or mixed congregations of believers of Jesus Christ, while "*sunagōgē*" usually, but not always, referred to only congregations of Jewish believers in Jesus Christ.

So which word do you think was used in the book of Hebrews in chapter 10 verse 25 as I quoted above to not stop "meeting together"?

It was a form of the word "*sunagōgē*", which makes sense since the primary audience that was being written to in Hebrews, were Jewish believers.

The Jews, whether living in Israel or among the Roman Empire, already had a network of believers who were assembling together that was referred to as "*sunagōgē*", or synagogues, which is the word still used today by most Jews who meet together on the Sabbath.

When we read the book of Acts in the New Testament, and the ministry of Paul and his co-workers who traveled to the Gentile areas preaching and teaching the "Good News" about Jesus, they always started out by teaching in the synagogues.

Therefore, these believers *were already assembling together,* mostly on Saturdays, because that was the Jewish Sabbath.

If those believers in the existing synagogues did not accept the teaching on Jesus as the Messiah, Paul and his co-workers left those gatherings, but *they continued gathering in other places*.

Here is an example:

> *Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.*

*When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.*

*But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."*

*Then **Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus**, a worshiper of God. Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.* (Acts 18:4-8)

As we can read in this account, Paul and the other believers left the "assembly," and in fact were probably forced to leave as they were in most other cities where they are thrown out of the synagogues, but the true believers did not stop assembling, and in this account, they started meeting in a "house" instead of a religious building.

So as you can see, the admonition in Hebrews to "*not give up meeting together*" (where the actual text actually says "don't stop synagogue-ing together" but is translated as "meeting together" since it is easier to understand) which was addressed to Jewish believers, is completely contrary to the common Christian myth that the Bible commands us to "go out and find a church to join."

## Taking Care of the Poor and Disabled

The Healing of Ten Lepers (Guérison de dix lépreux) – James Tissot – 1886.

The one other place in the New Testament that is sometimes used to justify the myth that one is commanded to join a church, is in the first few verses of I Corinthians chapter 6, although these verses are most often used to promote the belief that Sunday became the new day of the week for believers to meet together.

> *Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian congregations to do.*
>
> *On the **first day of every week**, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.*
>
> *Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me*. (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

"First day of every week" would be Sunday, but these verses clearly show that the reason for gathering was to collect funds to be sent to Jerusalem, and the poor believers living there. There is no indication that these regular meetings continued after this task was completed, and we already know from many other passages, such as in Acts, that the believers generally were meeting on Saturday, because it was the Sabbath when they did not work.

The fact is that the New Testament writings give no set of standard instructions about which day of the week they should be meeting, where they should be meeting, nor what the purpose of regular weekly meeting would be.

There is nothing to indicate here that it was the habit of all believers at that time to assemble on Sundays, and most of them were probably already meeting together on Saturdays as we see in the book of Acts.

In the early days in Jerusalem after the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts chapter 2, where thousands of believers were being added to the believers, some were meeting in synagogues (Acts 6:8), some in the Temple (Acts 2:46), and also in homes (Acts 2:46), and they met EVERY day of the week (Acts 5:42).

What is interesting about the passage in 1 Corinthians 6 I quoted above, is that the primary function of these meetings was financial, distributing funds from the wealthy believers scattered throughout the Roman Empire, to the poor Jews living back in Jerusalem, most of whom had probably lost their jobs and been kicked out of the assemblies (synagogues).

> *For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings*. (Romans 15:26-27)

This **voluntary** way of dealing with social problems seemed to be one of the main functions of meeting together, so that the wealthier believers could help take care of the poorer believers.

Here is the heart of such teaching regarding financial principles to help the poor, which was always **voluntary**, and the focus of their meetings:

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

*And **here is my advice** about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.*
*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.*

*Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.*

*Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."*

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.*

*And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.*

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!* (2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9).

The New Testament teaching on the poor and disabled, and how Jesus treated them, is something I do not see happening in modern-day American Christians.

How did Jesus deal with the sick and poor during his day? Did he send them to the hospital and then send a member of his disciples to go visit them there and pray for them?

No!

He just used his authority over Satan and healed them directly.

*Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.*

*As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"*

*When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."*

*And as they went, they were cleansed.*

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.*

*Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

*Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well*." (**Luke 17:11-19**)

*As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.*

*Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"*

*The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"*

*Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.*

*"Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."*

*Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him*. (**Matthew 20:29-34**)

My heart breaks every time I go to town and see the homeless people who live on the streets. I try to help them by talking to them or giving them some money. The times I have been able to spend some time with them and talk to them, I always learn something from them, as I recorded in this story I published at Christmas time several years ago:

## What This Homeless Woman Taught Me About Life Today

Recently I traveled to a nearby city to visit my son, who is disabled himself as a Down Syndrome man.

I was pulling out of a parking lot in a strip mall, and a man was sitting on the side of the road with his head down on his knees, but with all his belongings and signs next to him. He might have been sleeping.

There was a car in front of me, and I tapped my horn just a bit because I wanted to give him some money, and he looked up, but at the car in front of him which was still in front of me at that point.

When that car pulled out, I lowered the passenger side window and handed my son some money, and he held his arm out to give it to him. But the man had to get up to reach it, and wow did he have a difficult time getting up! As he took the money, I leaned over and said: “I am so sorry I made you get up like that!”

He replied: “Well, I just got out of the hospital, and they told me I had to leave because I can walk now. So I guess I’m well enough to get around by myself now.”

As he was speaking, little white balls or something that was probably spit were coming out of his mouth, and as I looked into his eyes, I could see he was probably on some kind of medication.

The cars behind me were now pulling into the lane on my left to get out of the parking lot, and I was so moved that I took off the hat I was wearing, stretched out my right hand towards him, and just prayed that Jesus would heal him and give him strength, and to find faith in Jesus. He thanked us and I drove away.

I just wept as I drove away, because this is how the hospitals are now treating the homeless, and a significant percentage of the homeless are living on the streets because of their addictions to prescription medical drugs, or from medical injuries such as vaccine injuries.

When you talk to someone and look into their eyes, you can sometimes get a glimpse of their soul, and I am confident that this man, probably in his 40s, used to be a functioning member of society at one point in his life.

I know I cannot solve the homeless problem in this country, because the system that put them there in the first place would first have to be destroyed and replaced, and that includes Corporate Christianity.

What would happen to this country if a segment of the population said, no, we aren’t buying your medicines anymore, nor are we using your “healthcare system.”

What would happen if enough people dramatically reduced the amount of money they spend in grocery stores buying commodity mass-produced food full of poisons and toxins, and instead decided to start working with local small-scale producers to produce more of their food, and thereby providing jobs and economic incentives for more people to start producing food the right way, and reducing our dependency upon Big Ag, Big Pharma, and Big Food?

What would happen if the tens of millions of American Christians decided to quit supporting and attending their churches, and instead decided to spend their money directly on activities that ministered to the disabled, to the victims, to the abused, and to the poor in their communities?

The American Christian churches are synagogues/churches of Satan today, and they are mostly serving Satan instead of serving the master they claim they are serving in Jesus Christ.

They are controlled by same corporate structure that Big Pharma, Big Ag, and Big Food are controlled by, with a top-down centralized authority structure starting with the

denomination/organization, which then funds schools to produce the leaders at the local level such as Pastors and Priests, and in other religions such as Rabbis, Imams, etc., which then dictates how all these institutions operate.

The vast majority of them showed their allegiance to the United States government and the Satanic system during COVID, and they will do it again with the next great attack on humanity. These organizations have very little difference from other organizations where people congregate in their community that are called “masonic lodges” or “masonic temples.”

Satan does not fear these institutions, because he controls them, and the masses that follow them.

What Satan fears most of all, are individuals who are born into the Spiritual inheritance of Abraham through Jesus Christ, and are filled with the Holy Spirit, getting their teaching directly from the Spirit that resides within them, and guided by the scriptures, who take God for his word, and act upon it.

When just two or three of these Holy Spirit filled believers meet and act upon the Word of God, nothing can stop them, according to Jesus, because he is with them.

> *I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them*. (Matthew 18:18-20)

## Suggestions on Leaving Corporate Christianity

For all of you who have asked me “*where do we go to find fellowship*” if you leave your churches, you need to first change your mind (repent) about the way you think about this issue, because this is actually the wrong question to be asking.

You have been conditioned to believe that you NEED Christianity and the church to “feed you” and provide “fellowship”, and that if you leave, you need to find another version of it somewhere else that is better.

But the New Testament believers were not so self focused on themselves, and after the original leaders, many of whom lived with and followed Jesus when he was here, finished their teaching about how Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy and the promises given to Abraham, which is the heart of the “Good News,” there really was no more need for the concentrated teaching and preaching that happened in those early days, as it was all recorded and published in the Bible, which everyone has access to now.

And if you read the Bible yourself, you will see MANY stories of believers who were all alone for major portions of their life, but were not inhibited in any way from accomplishing the mission God gave to them.

I have listed many of those stories in this article, showing how a single person and their trust in God, sometimes changed the course of history:

## The Power of the Individual – Enemies are Destroyed by a Single Person Who Trusts in God

So here's a radical suggestion: Instead of worrying about yourself and how you can find other believers like you, why not just go out and spend time with those who are outcasts, living on the streets, and see what you can learn from them?

You just might meet someone like Luke, who lived on the streets but then found Jesus. Luke was part of a congregation when he lived on the streets, as he wrote:

> I would like to say, without my fellow man teaching me how to survive on the streets, and the Lord watching over me, I would not have been able to survive as long as I did.
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> Through a series of events I found myself in a tent city off the LA river, where kind, albeit troubled, folks taught me how to survive with only the clothes on my back. They took me in and cared for me with a generosity and kindness of which I had never before experienced.
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> They fitted me with an old tent they found laying around. They showed me how to make money flying a sign and collecting cans, how to use food banks, how to open the pipes of public fountains to fill water jugs, how to barter, how to stay warm at night, how to survive off of what other people have simply thrown away, how to keep myself clean living among sand and filth (hint: you really can't), how to repair what I have rather than seek out something new, and what is and isn't essential when it comes to surviving.
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> It was a communal way of living where each person relied on one another for safety and survival. I learned more in those 6 months than I had in over 2 decades of life. (Full article.)

This is actually closer to how the *ekklesia* or *synagogue* of believers are supposed to operate, rather than the way corporate churches operate today.

How about going down to your local courthouse where family or juvenile courts are in session every day, kidnapping children from parents who actually love them, and talking to some of these parents who often have no one to help them, especially not the churches in their area who participate in this child trafficking network.

I know from my years of experience in covering this issue as an advocate, that those who stand together with these parents, mostly single mothers, soon have way more people wanting their help than they can possibly handle, as they look for anyone who would join them, but seldom finding any, while the churches in their area draw in many thousands of people every week.

What about the poor people in your area who cannot afford to buy healthy food, who are disabled from the medical system and cannot take care of themselves, or young mothers who are scared to death to have their next baby in a hospital, but have no one to help learn how to use midwives and have home births, which mostly is only a luxury afforded by middle class white people?

I could go on and on, but I think you get the point. If you want to leave the Corporate Christian churches, but want to be part of a "congregation", just go out and start your own congregation!

It is much easier than you think, but just be prepared for the attacks that will come.

I have known this through experience for most of my adult life, having been blessed to meet Jesus at the age of 19.

If there is one thing I have learned, it is that when you stand for the Truth, who is a person, and go against the crowd, **you will be attacked**, because people want their idols instead.

For example, last year I was led by the Lord to start winding down our ecommerce business and instead distribute our products through local communities, knowing how evil the technology has become, and that soon we probably will not be able to participate in the Beast financial system that allows us to operate on the Internet.

I also know that in spite of my best efforts to protect the identity of our customers, and their decision to purchase food produced by ethical, small-scale producers, that there are probably already systems in place to identify our customers and their purchasing habits.

This was a comment I received for making this decision:

> To Brian Shilhavy:
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> By winding down your E-commerce store, you are doing EXACTLY what the devil wants you to do. Try listening to God instead, through his prophets at [name of website].

I knew I was following God's plan, and that this person did not even know me personally, so this kind of attack/criticism didn't bother me because I could just ignore it.

But I was curious to what this website was saying, so I followed the link, and it was some kind of prophecy website where this so-called "prophet" was explaining that Donald Trump and RFK, Jr. were fulfillments of Biblical prophecy. This person was apparently implying that these men were somehow going to save America, and that I had nothing to worry about.

These are the kind of criticisms you can expect on a daily basis when you stand for the Truth, and it can get much worse than this, as they will eventually try to kill you or silence you, something I have been defending against my whole career. See some examples here, but only the ones I can share publicly at this point:

## Healthy Traditions: 20 Years of Demonstrating God's Faithfulness in Offering an Alternative to Commodity Food and Products

One last point here. I have learned what I have learned over the course of 40 years now, and when I look at people, especially many Christians I know, it is so easy to see how they are deceived about so many things.

But I have to remind myself that where they are currently in their professed faith in Christ, is often a place I was in years ago, and that sometimes we just need to be patient with people when dealing with them as **individuals**, rather than as part of a group, such as a Church of Satan.

When Luke wrote his story, I did not publish part of it as it was so long, but he offered some great advice for people who are new to following Jesus without being part of Corporate Christianity, and I think his testimony belongs better in this article.

This is what he wrote for new believers:

> *Since becoming saved I have been given incredible opportunities in my life to meet all kinds of different people who have been able to guide and instruct me in the word, whether it be online, or in person. The Lord is my teacher, first and foremost, as he has given me the understanding and guidance I need through his preserved word.*
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> *However, there is something unbelievably powerful that happens when two or more believers come together to discuss the Word, and gain understanding as a unit. Even more mind-blowing is that I have been given the opportunity to help others.*
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> *This was the most satisfying aspect of my salvation as someone who spent the majority of his life perpetuating hate and abusing the good will of those around me. At some point early on, I had to swallow the hard pill that not every person in the world thinks exactly like me.*
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> *I definitely have my blind spots, just as my other brothers and sisters in Christ have their blind spots. I made the mistake of trying to grow in isolation, steering clear of anyone who I disagreed with.*
>
> *Growing in isolation was incredibly difficult, if not counterproductive, especially when I was so naive in my understanding. My lifetime spent online left me with a cynical and elitist attitude that did much to stunt my spiritual growth.*
>
> *I was very quick to trust a drug dealer, yet very hesitant to trust another believer just because they weren't on the conspiracy train?*
>
> *Please do not fall into this trap if you are new like I did. Some of my biggest breakthroughs have come from suggestions given to me by believers who do not see the scope of the world's deception.*
>
> *Regardless, the Lord has been very patient with me, and he continues to be very patient with me until this day. There has yet to be a problem in my life that could not be solved through dedication to scripture and communicating with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ*. (Full article here minus this quote.)

As I have written many times in the past, there are very many evil, Satanic systems in the world today, many of which I have exposed over the years, such as the evil medical system, the evil foster care and adoption system that trafficks children, the evil banking system, the evil military industrial complex, etc., and now in this article and others I have written, the evil Corporate Christian Church.

But in all of these systems there are still some people who are not evil, and are still on their journey to find the truth, and if we treat them as individuals as "evil," chances are they will never see the light of the Truth in Jesus in you.

I am convinced that very few people in America today have actually rejected the Jesus of the Bible, but have in fact rejected Corporate Christianity instead, because they don't know the real Jesus unless they read the Bible for themselves.

And this is certainly true of American Christians as well. We can attack the system, without condemning all the individuals who are part of that system, and that applies to most "systems" and "groups."

We need to help rescue them too.

In ending, I want to quote again the words of Jesus on how he will divide people on the day of judgement, as he separates the goats from the sheep. Hint: it won't be by religious affiliation, or any other group affiliation. It will be based on **each individual**, and what they did NOT do.

> *When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*
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> *He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*
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> *Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*
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> *Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "*
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> *The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*
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> *Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'*
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> *They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'*
>
> *He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'*
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> *Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.* (Matthew 25:31-46)

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